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Hector, Cat About Town
Notorious Gossip

Some girls dance with abandon—
and others should wear more.

"Could ya spare a fellow a bite
to eat, ma'am."
"Jeanette, give that guy at the
door what's left of those last three
wedding cakes."

It is reported that an American
dance-band leader has equalled the
world's record for the "hundred
yards sprint." He must be one of
those lightning conductors we have
heard about.

When an income tax official was
saved from drowning recently, all
efforts to trace his heroic rescuer
failed. So did the efforts of the
police to find the person who pushed
him in.

"The ink and blotting paper are
the most unsatisfactory features of
most post-offices," declares a cor-
respondent. Although the pens
have their bad points.

"Marry me and make a better
man of me," he murmured.
She married him.
And, by gosh! he had no idea
what a good man she was going to
make of him.

"How did you get on with Hard-
nut?" asked the head of the firm
of the traveller.

"Oh, so, so," replied the latter.
"I only got a couple of orders out
of him."

"You did!" the boss exclaimed.
"That's more than any of our men
ever did before. What were they?"
"Well," said the traveller sadly,
"one was to get out and the other
was to stay out."

Pat had promised his priest that
he would try to give up drink. He
determined to pass his favourite
tavern on his way home without
entering. As he approached it, his
determination became somewhat
shaky, but after plucking up
courage he passed. Then, after
going about fifty yards, he turned,
and said to himself:

"Well done, Pat, my boy! Come
back and I'll treat ye."

"Young Monty has been too
clever this time," said the first
man.

"What's he done now?" asked the
second.

"He insured five hundred cigars,
smoked them all, and then sent in
a claim on the ground that they
had been destroyed by fire."

"And they laughed at him, I
suppose?"

"No; they had him arrested on
a charge of arson."

OVERHAULING RUGBY LAWS

Suggestions Put Forward At
Dominion Conference—Value
Of Dropped Goal

London, Dec. 19.

Various suggestions relating to
the laws of Rugby were discussed
at the meeting of the Dominion
Rugby Conference in London yes-
terday.

According to an official state-
ment issued last night the sug-
gestions will be brought before
the R.F.U. Committee for con-
sideration with a view to their sub-
mission to the International
Board.

It is understood South Africa re-
commended that two points be
awarded for a goal from a mark
and three points for a dropped
goal, instead of three and four
points respectively as at present.

Other suggestions concerned the
scrummage laws, which are inter-
preted in different ways by re-
ferees and cause considerable
confusion among the players.

YESTERDAY'S QUOTATIONS

T.T. ON LONDON.—1/3 3d. (nom).

T.T. ON NEW YORK.—31.9/16

BRITISH NAVAL PROPOSALS

BEFORE CONFERENCE
FIRST TIME TO-DAY

Japanese Plan Shelved

BY HECTOR C. BYWATER,
"Daily Telegraph" Naval
Correspondent.

London, Dec. 17.

The British proposals for quanti-
tative limitation of naval arma-
ments will be considered for the
first time this afternoon, when the
meeting of the heads of delega-
tions to the Naval Conference is
resumed at Clarence House, West-
minster.

They provide for the limiting by
each conference Power of the total
naval tonnage it requires from
now until 1942, and a guarantee
that no specified total will be ex-
ceeded, though it may be reduced.

Yesterday's meeting was held
at the request of Admiral Nagano
to discuss in detail the methods
by which Japan proposes to apply
in practice her plan for a common
upper limit for all five navies.

"The Admiral, I learn, explained
that the main feature of the plan
was the fixing of a common ton-
nage aggregate. Once that was
done each Power would be free
to make whatever use it thought
best of the tonnage at its dis-
posal."

DELEGATES NOT IMPRESSED

The arguments do not appear
to have convinced the other de-
legates. British and American
observers pointed out that Ad-
miral Nagano's present proposals
are merely a repetition of a plan
that was rejected at the last con-
ference, in 1930.

Meanwhile the conviction grows
that Japan will eventually modify
her demand for a common upper
limit, though she is unlikely to do
this before the conference ad-
journs on Saturday. In any case
the Japanese thesis, as I predicted
yesterday, is to be shelved for the
time being.

Members of the American and
Japanese delegations met last
evening for an informal discus-
sion.

Hockey Club Annual Dance, at
Peninsula Hotel.

Entertainments.—Special Per-
formance of "Lady Precious
Stream" for the senior classes of
schools at 6.30 p.m. in the Uni-
versity.

Meetings.—Christian Fellowship,
Helena May 10.30 a.m.; Kowloon
Chess Club, at Central British
School, 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's
Girls' Guild, 6 p.m.; Kowloon
Union Church General Committee,
6.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Prize Distribu-
tion at Government Vernacular
Middle School, 11 a.m.; Examina-
tion for Home Nursing Certificate
at St. John Ambulance Head-
quarters, 5.30 p.m.

SPORTS

Badminton.—Mixed Doubles,
Fire Brigade v. St. John's; Chinese
R.C. v. Club de Recreio "A"; Club
de Recreio "B" v. St. Andrew's;
Talkoo R.C. v. Sailors and Soldiers
Home.

Hockey.—Royal Artillery Officers
v. East Lancashires (Marina
Ground), 4 p.m.; H.K.S.R.A. v.
Army "A" (Marina Ground), 4.30
p.m.; Hong Kong Hockey Club sec-
onds v. Police (King's Park), 5
p.m.

Moon.—Full Moon, 2.15 a.m. XII
Moon, 15th Day. Total Eclipse of
the Moon.

Sunrise.—7.05 a.m. Sunset.—5.56
p.m.

Tides.—High at 11.14 and 21.38;
Low at 4.12 and 14.43.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8.

Cinemas

King's.—"Escape Me Never."
Queen's.—"Manhattan Tower."
Oriental.—"Woman Wanted."
World.—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra.—"Love in Bloom."
Majestic.—"A Notorious Gentle-
man."

Star.—"Dinky."

Dances.—Sailors and Soldiers
Home Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.—Concert at
Chero Club, by band of Empress
of Japan and soloists, 9 p.m.

Meetings.—Kowloon Union
Church Women's Guild Monthly
Business Meeting, 10 a.m. at
John's Cathedral Finance Com-
mittee Meeting, 5.15 p.m.; H.K.
Aquarium Society, University Bldg.
Dept., 8.30 p.m.; Chinese General
Chamber of Commerce Monthly
Committee Meeting, Chamber's
Headquarters, 2.30 p.m.

Religious.—Dr. Reichelt at Tao
Fong Shan Chapel, 8 p.m.

Social.—Tombola on board
H.M.S. Tamar, 7.15 p.m.

SPORTS

Badminton.—Men's Doubles,
Kowloon v. East Hall "A";
Fire Brigade v. Club de Recreio
"B"; Club de Recreio "A" v. St.
Andrew's "B".

Hockey.—East Lancashires v.
Punjab Regiment (Shamshupo
Camp), 4.45 p.m.; Hong Kong
Hockey Club v. Police (King's
Park), 5 p.m.

Rugby.—Club "A" v. an Army
XV (Happy Valley), 4.45 p.m.

Moon.—XII Moon, 14th Day.
Total Eclipse of the Moon.

Sunrise.—7.05 a.m. Sunset.—5.55
p.m.

Tides.—High at 10.40 and 20.58;
Low at 3.38 and 13.56.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9.

Cinemas

King's.—"Escape Me Never."
Queen's.—"Manhattan Tower."
Oriental.—"Woman Wanted."
World.—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra.—"Love in Bloom."
Majestic.—"A Notorious Gentle-
man."

Star.—"Dinky."

Entertainments.—Concert of
Chamber Music, at Helena May,
8.30 p.m.

Meetings.—Victoria Chess Club
at Gloucester Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.
Miscellaneous.—Women's Fellow-
ship meets at St. Andrew's Hall,
3 p.m.

Social.—Craigengower Cricket
Club Whist Drive, 9 p.m.

SPORTS

Badminton.—Men's Doubles,
St. Andrew's "A" v. St. John's; Club
de Recreio "A" v. East Hall "B".

Hockey.—East Lancashires sec-
onds v. Third Battery, H.K.S.R.A.
(Shamshupo Camp), 4.30 p.m.

Snooker.—Steel Coulson League,
Royal Engineers v. Chief and Petty
Officers; Fusiliers v. Garrison Ser-
geants; Prison Officers v. Catholics
Union; Naval Dockyard Police v.
St. Patrick's; Civil Service v. Dock-
yard R.C.

Moon.—Full Moon, 2.15 a.m. XII
Moon, 15th Day. Total Eclipse of
the Moon.

Sunrise.—7.05 a.m. Sunset.—5.56
p.m.

Tides.—High at 11.14 and 21.38;
Low at 4.12 and 14.43.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10.

Anniversaries and Holidays.—
St. William, Bishop.

Cinemas

King's.—"Escape Me Never."
Queen's.—"Manhattan Tower."
Oriental.—"Woman Wanted."
World.—"Chinese Picture."
Alhambra.—"Love in Bloom."
Majestic.—"A Notorious Gentle-
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Army "A" (Marina Ground), 4.30
p.m.; Hong Kong Hockey Club sec-
onds v. Police (King's Park), 5
p.m.

Moon.—Full Moon, 2.15 a.m. XII
Moon, 15th Day. Total Eclipse of
the Moon.

Sunrise.—7.05 a.m. Sunset.—5.56
p.m.

Tides.—High at 11.14 and 21.38;
Low at 4.12 and 14.43.

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writes the well-known physician, Dr. Behring, in the "Ceylon Independent."

RACING'S BIG BLANK

Form That May Beat
The Handicapper

London, Dec. 13. The Lincolnshire Handicap, which comes just at a time when thoughts of flat racing are farthest from our minds. Actually now is the time when folk interested in the flat who want a holiday, proceed to take it. There will be no more entries to be made until February, and entries having been made for the Lincoln, the Liverpool Spring Cup, the Rosebery Stakes, the City and Suburban and the Cornation and Ascot Gold Cups, the people most concerned can take a well-earned rest.

As everything in the jumping game is very quiet until after Christmas we can take a look at some of these entries. But before we do so I might touch upon this point of a blank period in the National Hunt programme.

There is a gap of nine days, beginning from Tuesday last until Boxing Day on Thursday next. Is there any reason for this and is it wise?

There has often been talk of the jumping game not being popular with the man in the street that it seems a pity he should be given anything to grouse about. He would certainly grouse if there were such a blank occurring in the flat racing season.

The fixtures, of course, are only granted when applications are made by the various racecourses. Evidently no one wanted the dates just before Christmas. Why, it isn't easy to say. And, of course, no one wants any executive to run a meeting which isn't going to pay or which will not provide interesting sport. But a little later on we find many meetings. There are several cases where there will be two meetings a day, and on occasion there are three.

I think it would have been better to have spread the meetings over different dates, and at least covered part of the blank I have spoken of.

WEEDING OUT. Now to the Lincoln entries. There is a bigger number of horses in than usual, but there will be a lot of weeding out. Even without weights, and not knowing that yet any trainer or owner has any serious hopes, we can do some weeding out ourselves, for if one is up-to-date with form, past records, and the type of horse required, one can in one's mind eliminate some very quickly. This is really a most fascinating part of the problem. Nearer the day one can see how near the mark one was with one's calculations. Of course there is no serious thought of speculation just now.

Everybody has noted the name of Commander III with interest. The Cambridgehire winner, assured of a hefty weight. It seemed, though, that he only last season hit his best form, and there are other good races to be won with him. Against this is the fact that he has always appeared to be a horse which was his best in the autumn. In this connection one can note that he is to be schooled over hurdles this winter and this will ensure that he will be pretty fit in the spring. The Lincoln distance should be all right for him.

When thinking of Commander III one's glance promptly alights on Man's Pal, who finished second to him in the Cambridge. This one is a good enough miler, but it is possible that his Cambridge running was a flash in the pan. He never aspired to anything quite so before or since, and he certainly should not be judged on that running alone. And at his age—he will be five years old—he may not be making much improvement.

RAPID IMPROVEMENT. Most interesting of all mayors are the present three-year-olds. They'll be four-year-olds by the time the race is run. But there are one or two among them which did not come to their best late on and which next season may prove to have made rapid progress. As far as Lincoln is concerned, that progress may be sufficient to beat the handicapper.

On such is Zingaro, a nice stamp of colt from Lawson's stable. If everything goes well, he might develop into a five candidate. He was slow to come to hand, and his record is not particularly impressive, so that his weight is likely to be reasonable. He was seen out twice in the closing weeks of last season, and he created favourable impres-

sions. His last effort was against Boethius in the Grovener Cup of a mile, when he was second, with Almond Hill and other good milers behind.

Again, there is Screamer, who in the early part of last season was quietly fancied to win the Two Thousand Guineas. He won early on at Newmarket, but as things turned out that was his only success. I don't think the firmer going in the summer months was to the liking of this colt. In his two-year-old days he did best on softer going. The conditions at Lincoln will most likely be on the soft side, so that we may again find Screamer showing his true form.

Such horses as these are difficult to size up but don't forget that they will present the same difficulty to the handicapper, and it is quite possible for one of them to get in with a pound or two too little. Such horses as The Blue Boy, Thelo, Law Court, Boethius, Pricket, and others will automatically fall into their right places when the weights are framed, and are so exposed that none will get the slight concession from the handicapper.

STRONG STABLE

The trainer with the strongest representation is Lambton. He has six in Negundo and Astyanax are the two least known about. Neither is young now and much will depend on the weight. To a good horse of course, weight is not always a bar. Flamenco showed us that last year when he got home carrying 9st. His trainer, Jack Jarvis, has three in this time, Theo, Rosecray and Sea Beguest. The latter was on the fringe of classic form this year and if it should be dangerous in this handicap. He represents a very similar proposition to Flamenco.

There is certainly the material for a very good race.

JUDGE LEAVES
THE COURT

LITIGANT ATTEMPTS
TO ADDRESS THE JURY
Apology Given

A man who stated that he was the plaintiff in an action created a scene in Mr. Justice Macnaghten's Court in the King's Bench Division recently.

As soon as his lordship had taken his seat, the man holding a document in front of him, began addressing the jury.

"You cannot do that," Mr. Justice Macnaghten told him, "the jury have not been empanelled to try your case. Do you want to make an application to me?" The man—"No."

His lordship—"Then will you kindly resume your seat?"

The man insisted that he had a right to address the jury, and when the usher approached him, he exclaimed, "You have no authority to lay hands on me. I am here in a public right and the Court has no power to call upon one plaintiff to take precedence of another."

Mr. Justice Macnaghten (sternly)—"If you do not go away quietly you will be removed for contempt of court."

The man continued to assert his right to address the jury and Mr. Justice Macnaghten left the Court. The tipstaff was sent for, but before he could arrive the man left.

A few minutes afterwards Mr. Justice Macnaghten returned to Court and, with the jury, proceeded to hear the first action in the day's list.

At the end of the day the man again appeared in court, and having apologized to his lordship, his release from the custody of the tipstaff in which he had been was ordered.

NEW YEAR
MESSAGE

DEVELOPMENT PLANS
FOR 1936 OUTLINED
\$10,000,000 Spent On
Public Works

Following the custom of previous years, Mayor Wu Te-chen has issued a New Year message to the people of Greater Shanghai. In his message the Mayor reviews the achievements of 1935 and outlines his plan for further developments for 1936.

During the past four years, the following steps in reconstruction stand out prominently:—

1st year (1932): Rehabilitation of devastated areas.
2nd year (1933): Establishment of Civic Centre.
3rd year (1934): Cultural reconstruction.
4th year (1935): Social reconstruction.

Almost immediately after the cessation of the Shanghai hostilities in 1932, steps were taken to give relief to the people of the devastated areas in the form of loans for building, seeds for sowing and capital for resumption of business. The tremendous task of rebuilding the destroyed or damaged roads, bridges and drainage works was next undertaken. The principal roads of Chapel, including Paoshan Road, Huishang Road, Paoshan Road, Paoshan Road, Jukiang Road, have been resurfaced and generally re-conditioned and improved.

Approximately \$10,000,000 has been spent in building new roads and bridges, repairing sea dykes and the construction of public buildings.

The rebuilding of the Municipal Wharf at Nantao now enables steamers of the length of 300 feet and a draught of 14 feet to berth with comparative ease.

Public Health Service

For the improvement of public health, the expenditures during the past four years amount to \$1,360,000.00, for current expenses and more than \$1,400,000.00 for new health centres, opium clinics and additional hospital equipments.

In the field of education, while much has been done to raise the standard of the curriculum of public schools and their efficiency. Special efforts have been concentrated upon the promotion of popular compulsory education and the anti-illiteracy movement.

In spite of the fact that the finances of the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government have been seriously affected by the general depression, the work of building the Public Library and Museum as well as the Stadium was pushed to completion, the last named being made ready in time for the National Athletic Meet in October.

In pursuance of the programme for 1935 as a "social reconstruction year" in Greater Shanghai, the building of four of the six Workers' Villages has now been completed. This work for the welfare of the poor is primarily inspired by Dr. Sun Yat-sen's "Three Principles" and is only part of the plans entrusted by the Major to the Workers' Welfare Committee.

The extension of the Hungjiao Air Field and the enlargement of the Lungshu Air Port are measures that have absorbed considerable sums but have added to the facilities for travel and communications between this commercial metropolis and the farming areas of the country.

Programme For 1936
The following programme of development is outlined by Mayor Wu for the New Year:

Increase in the number of vocational schools for agriculture, industry, and commerce.

Establishment of two new well-equipped middle schools at the Civic Centre, one for boys and one for girls.

For the improvement of agriculture and experimenting in collective farming, four agricultural schools with experimental farms will be opened in the districts of Kaohang, Chienju, Lufang and Taokang.

The Municipal Library and Museum to be opened at an early date, with adequate financial provisions for their maintenance.

The new Municipal Hospital and Health Laboratory to be completed and equipped for service during 1936.

Additional health centres.
Improvement of public health conditions in Greater Shanghai.
Enforcement of Labour Health Regulations.

MINERS FIX DAY
FOR STRIKE

JANUARY 27

Demand For National
Offer

London, Dec. 30.

The delegate conference of the Mineworkers' Federation yesterday fixed a date for a strike in all the coalfields. Unless wage proposals that satisfy the executive committee are obtained in the meantime, notices to cease work will be given on January 13, where a fortnight's notices are required, and on the following Monday where only a week's notices are necessary. The date for the stoppage is January 27.

The decision was taken on the recommendation of the executive committee which presented the resolution.

That this conference regards the suggestions so far made as being entirely unsatisfactory and by no means reflecting the pronounced opinion throughout the country in support of the miners' wage claim, and it resolves, therefore, that notices be tendered on January 13 and 20 respectively unless wage proposals satisfactory to the executive committee are obtained in the meantime.

THE FIGURES

Little time was occupied with discussion. The conference got through its day's work in 9½ hours and voted almost unanimously. The figures, calculated from the number of men represented by each constituent association of miners, were:—

For the Resolution ... 478,000
Against ... 28,000

Majority ... 450,000

There is an interval of three weeks before the first notices can be tendered and five before the strike can begin. Mr. Joseph Jones, the president of the federation, who launched the campaign for 2s. a day more wages, said, at the close of the conference, that some delegates took the view that notices should be given sooner, but the sub-committee of the executive which met Tuesday had arranged to meet them again in the first full week of January, and it was considered advisable to await the result of that further meeting.

A PHRASE'S MEANING

Mr. Jones gave a meaning to the phrase "proposals satisfactory to the executive committee" by explaining that "proposals will not be regarded as satisfactory which are not offered nationally, and which are not uniform in character." There is still some ambiguity in the words "offered nationally." They may be taken to signify a national offer; or, just possibly, an alternative offering might be "offered collectively to the Mineworkers' Federation." There can be no doubt about the requirement of uniformity.

The acceptance or rejection of the forthcoming proposals of the owners now rests wholly with the executive committee. There is no obligation to call another delegate conference.

CHINA'S SILK EXPORTS

Shanghai, Jan. 6.

The total of silk from January to November last year was \$34,370,000 showing a sharp increase as compared with the corresponding period in 1934, according to statistics released by the Foreign Trade Bureau.

There was also a considerable increase of import of artificial silk during the period, the total amount being \$8,666,888.

China's export of cotton yarn from January to November last year was, however, only \$18,602,234, showing a decrease of \$12,983,341 as compared with the corresponding period in 1934.

Improvement of the livelihood of richshaw pullers.

Building of Civic Ceremonial Halls for Nantao and Chapel.

Construction of Public Crematorium.

Speedy establishment of Waterworks for Pookung.

If finance will permit, the building of a "Round the City Tramway."

If finance will permit, the completion of the East and West Dykes.

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IN "KID MILLIONS"

**ATTEMPT TO TAKE
CHANGPEI**

Peiping, Jan. 7.

Having occupied six counties in Northern Chahar, General Li Shou Hsin, commanding pro-Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia, to-day moved his troops to take Changpei near Kalgan, the provincial capital.

Large number of Japanese and Manchukuoan troops have arrived in Dolonor and it is believed that they will move down to capture Kalgan.

Union News.



An unusual picture of Elisabeth Bergner, a scene from "Escape Me Never" at the King's Theatre now.

"ESCAPE ME NEVER"

A great actress, Elisabeth Bergner, has her greatest role in "Escape Me Never" at the King's Theatre to-day.

The principals of the original West End stage cast, which supported the star, in the Theatre Guild's triumphant Broadway presentation of the Margaret Kennedy play, including Hugh Sinclair, Griffith Jones, Leon Quartermaine,

and others, retain their stage roles in the film which Paul Czinner, distinguished director-husband of Elisabeth Bergner, directed for B. & D.

"Escape Me Never" offers the tiny star, just seen by local screen audiences in "Catherine the Great," in the role of Gemma Jones, the lovable little waif, found wandering about Venice with her new-born son and given shelter by Sebastian Banger, a penniless young composer.

**TO-DAY AT THE
CINEMA**

Hong Kong

KING'S:—
"Escape Me Never"
QUEEN'S:—
"Manhattan Tower"
ORIENTAL:—
"Woman Wanted"
"Cowan and Bailey"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—
"Love in Bloom"
MAJESTIC:—
"A Notorious Gentleman"
STAR:—
"Dinky"

Coming

KING'S:—
"Anna Karenina"
QUEEN'S:—
"A Midsummer Night's Dream"
STAR:—
"Kid Millions"
ALHAMBRA:—
"Anna Karenina"
"ANNA KARENINA"

Ten years ago, a timid, bewildered Swedish girl—Greta Lovisa Gustafson began her first American screen role at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios.

This week, this same woman—now known as Greta Garbo and the most discussed woman in the world—appears at the King's and Alhambra Theatres in her Tenth Anniversary picture, on Saturday.

The Tenth Anniversary picture—David O. Selznick's production of Tolstoy's immortal "Anna Karenina"—is also Garbo's twentieth picture for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer; a consistent average of two films yearly for the same studio, since her first arrival in America.

As evidenced by the first scenes in which Garbo appeared for "Anna Karenina," the new picture is the most dazzling, colourful and dramatic production of her entire career.

The opening scenes represented the St. Petersburg railway station, as it appeared fifty years ago. Behind the cameras were the same, technical crews that have worked in most of the Garbo films—headed by William Daniels. Garbo's cameraman, who has photographed nineteen of her productions.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

BLISSFUL OSCULATION!

Whatever else they may take credit for, the films are competent mirrors of the latest styles in kissing. Fifteen years ago they thrust upon an astounded world the long romantic clinch, which with the long kiss, made its mark on the social scheme.

After fifteen years of endurance clinches, however, Hollywood is through with them for the moment.

Five years ago the average length of a film kiss was 72 inches of film—about four seconds of blissful osculation which were supposed to lure young maidens into cinemas by the thousands.

"The same" young girls to-day would laugh such a kiss off the screen," says King Vidor, who directed Paramount's "So Red The Rose." "The length of a film clinch to-day is approximately 18 inches, and that means just over one second on the screen."

HARD LUCK, CHINA!

The shortening of the screen kiss is probably sorrowful news to Japan and China, those old havens of rectitude, where the long clinch, thanks to the screen, has entirely changed the pattern of many oriental youngsters in love.

"The kisses in 'So Red The Rose' last for about a split second for the period for the film is that of the American Civil War, when kisses were coy pecks on retreating foreheads and clinches were reserved for places less public than railway stations and parks.

SHOOT THAT GRIN!

One hundred good American dollars have gone begging in Hollywood.

For two months a dozen ambitious cameramen sought vainly to do the impossible.

The studio offered a bonus to any still cameraman, who could obtain a "shot" of Ned Sparks—the "poker-faced" comedian who appears in Paramount's "The Charm School" with Joe Penner, Jack Oakie and Lynne Overman—either smiling or laughing.

Sparks has finished work in the production, but there is no evidence to prove that he laughed or smiled. Cameramen followed him to droves, carrying anything from a bulky 8 by 10 camera to one of the easily-hidden miniature kind, but to no avail.

The offer has been withdrawn.

Here's a surprise for the thousands of people who think that Bing Crosby is the last word in screen singers.

Bing's Bumble Bee

The star of Paramount's "Two For Tonight" has just revealed that his favourite composition is not one of the songs that he has sung on the stage, radio and screen, but "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" from the opera "The Legend of Tsar Sultan" by Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov.

Bing's inability to resist the appeal of this work has provoked plenty of laughs from people at Paramount.

There is one studio pianist who, when he wants to speak to Bing,

begins playing "The Flight of the Bumble Bee," and no matter who the singer is talking with he will invariably break away and come over.

CIGARETTE BAN HINDERS ACTING

A ban on cigarettes had the cast of Paramount's "Peter Ibbetson" in slight difficulties for the first day or so of filming.

The use of a cigarette in a scene is always a good way to register decision or finality, and with villain the click of the cigarette case or the rap on its lid is one of the old stand-bys, being synonymous with the twist of the moustache or the hollow laugh.

It gives the same sinister feeling.

But Gary Cooper, Ann Harding, John Halliday and the rest of the "Peter Ibbetson" cast are not permitted the luxury of a cigarette in any scene, for they weren't considered respectable in the George du Maurier period. Thackeray referred to them as "paper cigars," and kept them away from his literary gentlemen. Otherwise they were smoked only by rowdy fellows who attended races and prize-fights.

So for the first few days the cast had to adjust itself and find other ways of expressing its emotions.

SOAK THE RICH

Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, producers of the brilliant "Crime Without Passion" and "The Scoundrel," have nearly finished their latest film for Paramount, "Soak The Rich."

Walter Connolly, the Irishman, has the leading role, and a new Hecht-MacArthur find, Mary Taylor, plays the part originally fired for Myrna Loy. Also in the cast is John Howard, who scores a hit in Paramount's "Gentlemen Of The Navy."

MIND YOUR HEAD

George Daly, an Irishman who went out to Hollywood many years ago, fired 16,000 rounds of machine-gun bullets on Paramount's "Mary Burns, Fugitive." His is the job of peppering bullets into walls and doors three or four inches from the heads of Hollywood's most important stars.

Sylvia Sydney and Wallace Ford had to stand up to quite a lot of bullets during the making of "Mary Burns, Fugitive," but they were as safe as houses, for Daly has been taking shots at stars for more than 10 years, and the only accident he ever has had was when a piece of glass fell on his hand and cut his finger. Daly stands from 10 to 20 feet away from the players when he lets fly and has a wood backing eight inches thick, which stops the bullets.

How much the receives for his work depends on whom he misses. When shooting at a Sylvia Sydney or a Wallace Ford he receives \$20 a day. When shooting at lesser players he gets from \$5 to \$10 for a day's work.

"It doesn't matter what they pay me," says Daly, "I am always careful. I sleep from 11 to 12 hours every night to keep my nerves completely steady."

**"HIS MAJESTY'S
PYJAMAS"**

**Director Arrives In
London**

Alfred L. Werker, director of that world-wide success "The House of Rothschild," has arrived in London to direct "His Majesty's Pyjamas" for Capitol Films.

Mr. Werker will spend the next two or three weeks in close study of the scenario and in laying his shooting plans. He and Capitol both believe in ample preparations.

Gene Markey (whom Joan Bennett married) was in England recently preparing the scenario from his own novel, which follows the bewildering experiences of an exiled king and a syndicate who offer, in their own interests, to re-establish him on the throne. Clive Brook will star and Helen Vinson will play the featured feminine role.

OFFER SETS HIM THINKING

Interviewed on his arrival, Alfred Werker said:

"I never seriously thought of coming to England—I had in fact, turned down several opportunities, and there was plenty of work to be had in Hollywood—until there came an offer to direct Capitol's 'His Majesty's Pyjamas'."

"That offer set me thinking."

"As far as I could discover, it was the first time an English Com-

"DINKY"

Betty Jean Hane, child actress, did such splendid work in "Mary Jane's Pa," that she won a big part with Jackie Cooper in the Warner Bros. picture, "Dinky," which is at Star Theatre to-day.

The eight-year old child was exceptionally busy for her work as "Mary Jane" overlapped that of "Dinky" by a week.

She is quite proud over her selection for the role in Master Cooper's picture, since she had more than a score of competitors, all of whom had considerably more experience than Betty Jean.

It had been the youngster's greatest ambition to play a picture with Jackie Cooper, one which she has cherished since she saw the little star in "Skippy."

pany had bought an American book for filming "His Majesty's Pyjamas" was written by an American whom I know very well; it is American in thought, and as a novel it has a very wide American public."

"I decided that the man who had bought 'His Majesty's Pyjamas' was a man of far vision—with his eye on the world market and not limited to English audiences, and his Company must be a go-ahead concern. I studied their line-up of other productions and realised there was no similar concern with such an imposing programme."

"So I came to Capitol."

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**13 STARS FROM
HOLLYWOOD**

**Record "Bag" For
British Films**

Michael Balcon, director of productions for the Gaumont-British Corporation, returned from his American tour recently. He brought with him contracts with the largest number of American stars ever collected in the same "bag."

The following 13 are some of the Hollywood players who will shortly be seen in British pictures:

Constance Bennett, who will make "Everything is Thunder" and "The Hawk."

Joan Bennett, to play the heroine of the Edgar Wallace thriller "The Notting Tramp."

Chester Morris, to be leading man in "Courier of the Seas," made years ago as a silent film ("Michael Strogoff") by the Universal Company.

May Robson, to play Strogoff's mother in the same picture.

Victor McLaglen, the Irish-South African (now a naturalised American), who recently made his greatest hit since "What Price Glory?" in "The Informer," to be Pte. Mulvaney in "Kipling's 'Soldiers Three.'"

Sylvia Sydney, to start in a story to be written for her and directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

Richard Arlen, to play in "The Barrier"—not the Rex Beach best-seller, but a story about the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, published by Alan Sullivan under the title, "The Great Divide."

Maureen O'Sullivan, to play opposite Mr. Arlen in the same picture.

Edmund Lowe in a story not yet selected.

Charles Ruggles, one of Hollywood's most delightful comedians, in a comedy of television, "World Without a Mask."

Sally Eilers, to be the heroine of a new version of "The Wrecker."

Roland Young (who has been playing in "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Man Who Could Work Miracles"), to star in "King Solomon's Mines."

Robert Young (here on loan to make "Secret Agent"), to be Jesse Matthews' leading man in her next picture.

Mr. Balcon's move represents a determined attempt to extend the American market already won by the Gaumont-British Corporation with productions like "Rome Express," "The Man Who Knew Too Much," "The Thirty-Nine Steps" and "The Tunnel."

and Shirley was fascinated with his beautiful English diction and his perfect manners.

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NEXT CHANGE

The Undying Romance of the Century
"ANNA KARENINA"
GRETA GARBO & FREDRIC MARCH

**"Jeeves" To Be
Screened**

Darryl Zanuck has secured the film rights of P. G. Wodehouse's famous valet "Jeeves," and he is looking for an actor to portray the droll gentleman's gentleman on the screen. Jeeves is to be the central figure of a series of screen comedies somewhat in the same style as the Warner Oland-Charles Chan films. Mr. Zanuck has asked the public to assist him in his search. All nominations may be sent to Mr. Zanuck at the 20th Century-Fox studios, Hollywood.

The two most famous children on the screen at present are both working on films for 20th Century-Fox, where Freddie Bartholomew is co-starring with Victor McLaglen in "Professional Soldier," and Shirley Temple is starring in "The Little Rebel."

When the American baby star heard that "David Copperfield" himself was on the next set, she invited him to tea in her charming bungalow. Freddie accepted.

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Around the Courts

Yu Hing, unemployed, was fined \$150, or six weeks' imprisonment in default, by Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court yesterday for the possession of 200 heroin pills in Lower Lascar Row. Sub-Inspector J. J. Walsh prosecuted.

E. M. Joseph, driver of private car No. 4410 was fined \$10 by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, for failing to draw in to the left side of the road in order to allow cars to overtake in Queen's Road East, on December 17. Sergeant Blackburn said defendant was driving on the tram lines near the Naval Dockyard. Witness was behind and scolded his horn to overtake but defendant continued on until the Wellington Barracks. The summons was admitted by defendant.

Four Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with possession of two daggers without a license from the Inspector General of Police at Caroline Hill yesterday. The defendants were Wong Shing, aged 29 years, unemployed, Wat Pui aged 37 years, unemployed, Wong Yung, aged 21 years, odd job fitter, and Li Fuk, aged 48 years, unemployed. All except the third defendant admitted the charge. Detective Sergeant D. Fitches applied for 48 hours remand in police custody. The request being granted.

Pleading guilty to the charge of the theft of a bicycle valued at \$30, Fung Lin, 30, unemployed was fined \$50 or an alternative of one month's hard labour by Mr. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning.

Chan Kam, 31, street coolie, was acquitted on the charge of receiving as the police had no evidence to offer.

Detective Sergeant Fowler stated that on information received a detective had arrested Fung Lin and at No. 80, Third Street, the bicycle was found in parts under a mat in the charge of the second defendant.

The vehicle was the property of Au Yung Lee, shop feld, 15 Gilman's Bazaar and it was stolen on December 9th.

Appearing before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged with gambling, Chan Yuen, a manager and salesman, was fined \$2.

A summons for assault, brought against district watchman No. 91, Leung Yu, by defendant, was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on January 15.

Mr. P. H. Sin appeared for the defendant, while Detective-Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham prosecuted.

Defendant said that he was manager of the Ng Fuk coffin shop. On the day in question he was leaving the Hip Shing printing shop about 9.45 a.m. where he had placed an order and as he was passing some gamblers outside 48 Portland Street, he was seized by Leung Yau who struck him.

Loa Cho-wing, proprietor of the Hip Shing printing shop, testified that defendant went to his shop at 10.15 a.m. and had placed an order for 30 business cards. Five minutes after the defendant had left the shop, witness heard shouts and cries and, on going to the door, saw a man holding the defendant and striking him.

His Worship in summing up, stated that he found the evidence of the prosecution unshaken and therefore he must convict and would fine the defendant the usual sum for gambling. That was \$2.

A sum of forty cents picked up on the floor was placed in the Poor Box.

Pleading guilty to the theft of an Underwood typewriter valued at \$100, Lai Ming-po, 22, unemployed, who appeared before Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen at the Central Police Court yesterday morning, was bound over and ordered to pay \$10 to redeem the typewriter or undergo three weeks' hard labour.

Detective Sergeant Foyles said that the defendant was formerly employed by the Wah Ku Shipping firm which went bankrupt about a month ago. The firm was allowed to remain on the premises pending the payment of their wages. The typewriter was not the property of the firm but that of Ng Man Kit, master. It had been pawned for \$10.

Bodogur Singh, constable 571 of the Macao Police Force, appeared before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones

the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning charged with being drunk and disorderly and was fined \$15.

Detective-Sub-Inspector Cunningham, stated that defendant arrived in Hong Kong on Monday morning and at 10 o'clock the same night hired a rickshaw and arriving at Yaumatei, refused to pay the fare. This led to an altercation and the rickshaw coolie was assaulted. The cover of the seat of the rickshaw was torn.

The coolie, though warned did not appear in Court. He was not injured but the damage done to the rickshaw amounted to about 65 cents.

In hiring the defendant, who pleaded guilty, his Worship ordered him to pay \$1 compensation to the coolie.

Li Shing, a 27 year old unemployed Chinese, was yesterday committed to stand his trial at the next sessions, by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen at the Central Magistracy, for returning to the Colony before the expiration of his banishment term. Sergeant Mackay, of the finger print department was in charge of the case, and stated that the accused was banished on June 7, last year for a term of 10 years.

Two cabaret girls, Dora To and Pui Phui Yuk, were defendants in an action brought against them before Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, at the Summary Court yesterday. Plaintiff in the case was "Denis Victor, Proprietor of the Lido Dancing Academy" who sued the girls for the return of certain dance tickets, or the value of same less 50 per cent to which the defendants were entitled.

"I think that it is a deliberate fraud," said Mr. M. A. Da Silva, who appeared for Mr. Denis Victor, trading as the Lido Dancing Academy.

In the case of Dora To the claim was for \$47.62 being 50 per cent of the value of 301 dance tickets at 25 cents each and \$16 as money lent to her.

A counter claim by the defendant denied the possession of the 301 tickets, but she admitted the borrowing of \$10. She claimed \$13.75, being 50 per cent of the value of 110 tickets. The claim against her thus amounted to \$3.75 after deducting the loan of \$10.

The claim against Lai Phui Yuk was for \$33.12, being 50 per cent of the value of 185 tickets at 25 cents and a loan of \$10.

After hearing the evidence of the plaintiff, Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden adjourned the case till 10 a.m. on February 11.

Mr. G. S. Ford appeared for both the defendants.

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STRANGE REASON FOR DIVORCE

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Koenigsberg, Jan. 6.

An interesting and important judgment in a divorce case where-in the court granted a petition for the dissolution of marriage, has just been rendered by the Koenigsberg regional court. The husband who was formerly a state official and a Marxist in political sympathies, petitioned on the grounds that since the advent of the 3rd Reich his wife who was known to be a "solon communist" refused to keep her political opinions to herself, the result being that the husband was discharged from the civil service.

The wife's defence was that her husband always knew her position and had not disapproved. The husband admitted this but claimed that after the advent of the National Socialist regime discretion and self control were essential. The Court ruled that political opinions were a private matter and personal convictions did not entitle the husband to divorce, but in view of the present state of political opinion a man had the right to expect that his wife curb

UTTERING A FORGED NOTE

Chinese To Stand Trial

Fan Kwai-sang, 26, was brought before Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones, on remand, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday charged on three counts with the uttering of forged bank-notes, and was committed to stand his trial at next Criminal Sessions. The charges were that on divers dates, the defendant did knowingly utter three forged \$10 bank-notes of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

The second of these charges was one concerning a burnt \$10 note alleged to have been a forgery and before proceeding with the case, Insp. Chester-Woods asked to withdraw this count to which the Magistrate agreed.

The first to take the stand was Sergeant McKay, of the Kowloon City Police Station, who gave evidence regarding the events leading to and immediately following the arrest of the defendant. Inspector Chester Woods gave corroborative evidence.

Asked whether he had any statement to make, the defendant said, "What can I say? What have I to say? Can you suggest anything for me to say?"

Further corroborative evidence was given by Lam Kul of 338, Mabaui Road owner of the cigarette shop where the first of the forged notes was passed and Wong Yuk Wan, widow, who, when Lam Kul did not have change for the note, changed it for him. The last witness said that when she received the note she put it among other notes in her possession. Later she paid these away to a friend, Cheung Tin Tai.

His Worship:—Did you have any \$10 notes among those other notes? Witness:—Yes, but they were of the Hongkong and Shanghai bank. The only note in my possession of the Chartered Bank being one for \$5.

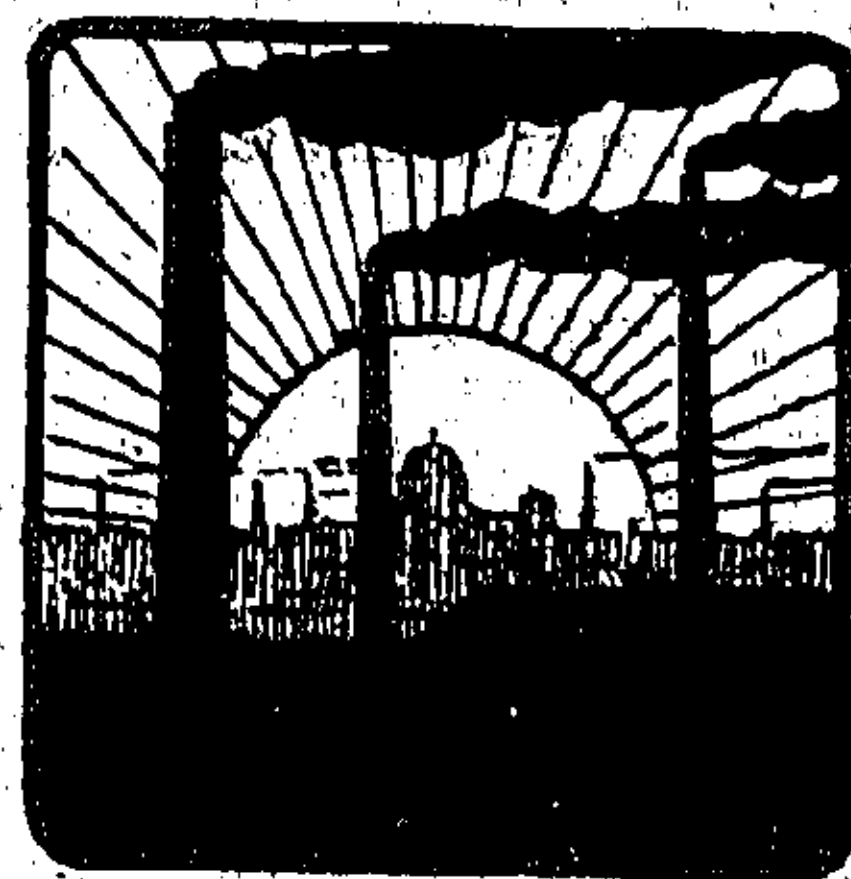
Cheung Tin Tai was then called and stated that she had received the note and had further paid it over to Cheung Wai Lin, a married woman of 14, Pau Chong Street, who had the note when the police officers finally traced it.

After further evidence by Sgt. McKay and Insp. Chester Woods, the Magistrate committed the prisoner to take his trial at the Criminal Sessions.

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Shanghai, Jan. 1.

The British and American United Association was formed in November last at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. as a result of a letter in the "North-China Daily News" signed by "Ajax." The meeting called was well attended. Mr. J. R. Johnstone (the originator of the idea) taking the chair, supported by Mr. George E. Fitch.

A committee was elected, and through the kindness of Mr. Fitch, several committee meetings were held at the "Y." Mr. E. Oxley Cumming was invited and willingly agreed to act as President, while the Vice-President's office is being filled by Mr. W. H. Plant, while Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten and Mr. J. W. Carney have consented to be sponsors.

It was decided to call the Association the British and American United Association and its headquarters are established in the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, Room No. 257, Telephone No. 13673. For the convenience of members a telephone and office furniture have been installed.

The aim of the association is to help find situations for self-respecting British and American citizens who are unemployed; and only men of good character are enrolled on its register. Any firm requiring the services of any one recommended from this Association, need have no fear as to the class of man who will apply. He will be recommended by the sponsors and the committee, only after careful scrutiny as to his past etc. It is hoped by these means to place men who have struck a "bad patch" through no fault of their

DOLO AIR BOMBING SURVIVORS

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Addis Ababa, Jan. 6.
The airplane piloted by Baron Von Rosen arrived here on Monday afternoon with further survivors of the Italian bomb attack on the Swedish Red Cross unit. To evade the Italian airmen, Von Rosen's machine started at dawn from Nugeili and landed towards midday at the aerodrome in Addis Ababa.

Gas Used
Among the passengers was the Swedish pastor, Svenssen, who reported that others of those wounded by the Italians were still there, so that the number of victims are now more than fifty. Svenssen further stated that the doctors still in Nugeili cannot possibly continue their work since all their instruments were destroyed. Svenssen also brought photographic negatives proving the appalling disaster wrought by the Italian bombs. He also asserted that the Italians used mustard gas.—
"Transocean Kuo Min"

own, and due to the present depression, in a position whereby they can earn a living wage.

Full particulars as to the Association's working can be obtained from the Hon Secretary or other members of the committee who happen to be in attendance at the office of the Association.

Membership of the Association is confined to those who have resided in Shanghai for at least one year, and it is the desire of the Association to co-operate with the various institutions to obtain information of positions which might be available, and give them a chance to fill them.

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RURAL RECONSTRUCTION WORK

BISHOP HALL'S INTEREST
IN PEK TAAMFirst Address Of The Year
To Rotarians

That rural reconstruction is also a new department of the life of Christian Missions and of the Chinese Church was the view expressed by the Right Rev. Bishop Hall when he delivered an address on "Rural Reconstruction" at the weeklyiffin of the Rotary Club held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel yesterday.

Prof. L. Forster who presided at the function welcomed Rotarian, H. D. Howe of Hampton, Virginia and also the following: Rev. F. Short (Hong Kong), Mr. E. Geddes (Montreal) and Rev. J. W. McLean (Hong Kong) and in asking Rev. Bishop Hall to deliver his address said:

It seemed to me appropriate that we should ask the Bishop, our honorary member, to address us at the first meeting of the new year. He is deeply interested in the social problems of this Colony and of China and no one is more anxious to find a solution for them.

The subject Bishop Hall has chosen to-day is "Rural Reconstruction." You have already heard addresses on "Co-operative Societies" by Mr. Strickland and on Mr. James Yen's "Mass Education Movement in North China," both describing the progress that is being made in certain directions in the country districts. The Bishop is sponsoring an experiment in Tsung Tsing, a village between here and Canton, and at Tai-po where he is developing a school for orphans whose education will not unfit them for rural life but will render them much better equipped for it.

The Bishop therefore, will address us with his practical experience upon rural development in more academic fashion.

FARMER-AN INSPIRING INTEREST

Addressing the gathering Rev. Bishop Hall said:

The President thought it fitting to ask a new member to speak at this first meeting of the new year. I have thought it fit to speak of the oldest thing under the sun and one which, concerned as it is with food production, vitally affects this Club whose weekly ritual has to do with the inner man. Rural reconstruction is also, I believe, concerned with the most heavily capitalised industry in the world, if the labour of centuries can be called capital. For myself however, born and bred a farmer, the work and life of a farmer is a new and inspiring interest. Day by day as I dabble in its mysteries I find myself in the position of the little town boy on a Sunday School outing absorbed in his first experience of the Skylark. "Hi mister," he said to his teacher, "There's a sparrow up there and it can't get up and it can't get down and it ain't all 'oltr'n."

Rural reconstruction is also a new department of the life of Christian Missions and of the Chinese Church though, like nearly every new thing in the missionary world, it was included in the amazingly varied activities of the missionary pioneers.

THE SOCIAL BODY

We have just celebrated the centenary of medical missionary work in South China. The next century will see medical missions' work become a tiny unit in China's mighty army of disease fighters. But man lives in two bodies: a physical body and a social body, and the social body is also suffering from disease.

This disease is not poverty. Poverty is a symptom on'y of disease. What the disease is I will not attempt to describe. After all the names rheumatism, tuberculosis etc. are only symbols. The disease they signify are infinitely varied and not nearly so well understood as we fondly imagine.

And may I take this opportunity of saying a word about Jesus' view of poverty. He said "Blessed are the poor," but He did not add "Because you are poor" but because your condition can be improved. On the other hand, He suggested that the wealthy were much less fortunate, not because they were wealthy but because it was much more difficult to change their possession-clogged mind. It is easier He said for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a wealthy man to find the true meaning of life. From my point of view then as a Christian minister poverty is like the loathsome marks of leprosy, and as in Christ's name, we heal the lepers of Pakhoi so in Pektaam we are setting out to heal the poor, to remove the disease of which poverty is the symptom.

PEK TAAM

Pek Taam is typical only of what we are trying to do in many other places. The commander of the XVIII Army Corps in France had over 600 platoons of infantry un-

do not regard betting and gambling as a sin but as the mark of deficient education. We are helping them to learn enough of the three "R's" to be able to be good co-operators and to make good use of leisure hours.

Fourthly there is physical health, but in this the economic factor comes first, the purely medical second. Until we can get a higher standard of living and a 50% better physique, the Village Clinic we have opened for the whole district can only do tinkers' work.

Fifthly we are converting two town orphanages into Rural Orphanage at Tai-po where we shall train orphan boys and girls to be good farmers rather than third rate townies.

We know that all that we can do is a 'drop in the ocean.' The Chinese Government will do most of the work, but we are glad to be allowed to help with the very poor. And we hope also that our more intricate experience in a very limited sphere may prove a valuable laboratory for larger schemes.

HERETIC ABOUT CHINESE

May I add three more things. The first is that I am a heretic about Chinese culture. A great Christian educationalist used to call himself a loyal heretic. My heresy about Chinese culture is both loyal and affectionate. This is the heresy; that Chinese literature, philosophy and ethics are less important than the actual achievements of her craftsmen. Of all the craftsmen in Chinese history the farmer it at once the most outstanding as he is the most numerous. It is through helping the farmers to a new freedom that the future of China will be most surely established. Our own future in this city is so closely bound up with China that we are vitally concerned with all that makes for her well being.

Secondly, and arising out of this, poverty in Hong Kong is closely bound up with the rural poverty in Kwangtung. That poverty is already making great changes in the "transient" category in our city population. If it should ever prove true that the poorest are the most permanent and least transient element in the community we should be compelled in the interests of justice and common honesty to make drastic changes in our public expenditure. On the other hand a prosperous rural Kwangtung would mean an increase in our trade and a decrease in our poor.

Thirdly if there are any who feel that the well being of the poor is not the business of a Christian minister I would remind them that those who tacitly or explicitly take refuge in the New Testament phrase "The poor ye have always with you," are, as a rule, just those people who take good care not to be always with the poor. (Applause).

VOTE OF THANKS

Rotarian M. K. Lo in proposing a vote of thanks to the speaker for an interesting talk said that he regarded it an honour in being asked to convey the thanks of the gathering to the speaker. He the speaker would yield to nothing in the Colony but to the admiration of Bishop Hall's work for the poor in Hong Kong. He was glad to be able to pay this humble tribute to the Bishop who had given an interesting talk on the present problems of the present time. The people in China have now realised that the happiness and lot of the farmers are their first concern. After hearing Bishop Hall's talk everyone would be looking forward to the effect of the ultimate outcome of the experiment.

Italian Currency
ViolationsGIGANTIC RING
DISCOVERED BY
ROME POLICE

Rome, Dec. 31. Continuing recent investigations made in Rome in order to stamp out secret dealings in foreign currencies, the Fiscal Police have succeeded in establishing charges against 27 persons, all of whom are said to be implicated in a gigantic ring directed by Antonio Rocco and two brothers, Giuseppe and Renzo Bolaffio, three exchange brokers. It was disclosed today that these brokers had a monopoly on foreign currency turned into

FUN GALORE AT
THE H. K. HOTELGaiety Girls And
Old Favourites

For Hong Kong night revellers, here is the good news; that the two veteran singers, Lynn Cowan and Bill Bailey who have just concluded a most successful but somewhat short season will be appearing with The Gaiety Girls on January 11.

The management of the Hong Kong Hotel is leaving no fields unexplored to provide capital entertainment for their numerous patrons. Hong Kong, after all is said and done, is a state port, and without this popular rendezvous doing all what it can to sign a truce to depression, we are all likely to be in the dumps.

The Gaiety Girls are making their bow to the public of this Colony on January 11 at the Hong Kong Hotel. There is no doubt that they will be able to please and thrill but with the added attraction of these two inimitables—Cowan and Bailey—and to say nothing about Ted and Evelyn and the charming Estelle Davis, Hong Kong's night revellers will find themselves more than catered for. A rollicking time is assured, so roll up and have a merry time. —Anon.

Man Who Feared
"Black Friday"ACCIDENTALLY KILLED
ON RAILWAY LINE

London, Dec. 17. Because he thought that on that day he was to be taken to a mental institution a man dreaded the coming of Friday the 13th.

His fears of the "unlucky day" were realised but in an even more tragic way, for he met his death on a railway line on "Black Friday."

The victim of this mishap was Frederick Fensom, aged 67, retired railway inspector, of Monmouth Road, Watford.

It was stated at the Paddington, London, inquest that a driver who saw Fensom on the railway track outside Paddington suburban station, left his engine and ran towards him to get him to safety. Fensom, however, fell under a steam train entering the station and was killed.

"My Unlucky Day."

In evidence, a nephew, Mr. Charles H. Fensom, of Lower Road, Chorley Wood, said that Mr. Fensom gave him a gold watch the day before the tragedy and remarked, "Well, Charlie, to-morrow is the 13th, my unlucky day; that is the day they are taking me."

"I have brought you a cheque for £500," deceased went on, and put it into witness's hand.

His uncle said that he wanted him to use it to enable a solicitor to fight his case if he was removed to an asylum.

After staying with him the night deceased next morning asked for the return of the cheque.

It was revealed by the Coroner's officer that Mr. Frederick Fensom's financial position at the bank was strong. The £500 cheque which had been torn up, was discovered in his pocket.

The Coroner stated that he thought it reasonable to assume that Fensom's last movement on the line was when he was trying to evade, as he thought, his pursuer.

"I have no doubt that he was there intending to kill himself," the Coroner added, "but when he saw the man he forgot about it, and is running away was knocked down."

A verdict of "Accidental death" was recorded.

Italian markets and at Trieste, re-selling this currency later to business houses at a higher rate than the official quotation.

The Ministry of Finance, recently fined the Bolaffio brothers 1,500,000 lire each, while it imposed a fine of 1,250,000 lire upon Antonio Brocc. The exchange offices of these men were ordered closed.

Additional smaller fines were imposed upon others found guilty. All were handed over to the Provincial Commission on exile. —Havas.

WEDDING BELLS

Lloyd-Stewart

A pretty wedding was solemnised at the St. John's Cathedral yesterday when Miss Lorna Patricia Lloyd, daughter of Mrs. E. Pitts-Roy Lloyd, became the bride of Mr. Donald Lindsay Stewart. The Rev. H. W. Baines officiated at the ceremony which was well attended. The bride who was given away by Mr. A. W. Hughes, looked charming in a gown of pearl velvet which was a copy of the "Lucille de Lorne" model made by Madame Garnett. Mr. Derek R. Ryde acted as best man. The duties of Matron of Honour was carried out by Mrs. E. R. Gibson cousin of the bride, who was dressed in royal blue chiffon velvet.

Mrs. Lloyd, mother of the bride, looked pretty in a black chiffon velvet creation with a train and flowing scarf from the shoulder. Her hat was made of the same material with a bird of paradise feather, while she also carried a black and gold bag.

Messrs. H. C. B. Way, F. G. Nigel, and J. A. Ritchie acted as ushers.

Following the ceremony at the St. John's Cathedral a reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel, where friends adjourned to give their felicitations to the happy couple.

The honeymoon is to be spent at Fanning the bride's going away dress being a copy of Schiaparelli's, in light gray costume of crepe monica wool.

VICE-ADMIRAL
ARRIVINGTo Relieve Sir
Frederic Dreyer

The s.s. Chitral will bring with her on Thursday from Home, Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Little, who is to relieve His Excellency Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station. Sir Frederic Dreyer will retain his command until he sails for Home on Saturday by the P. and O. Carthage.

The flag of the Vice-Admiral will be broken on H.M.S. Dorsetshire on Saturday at 8 a.m. when the Dorsetshire will salute the Admiral's flag on H.M.S. Kent with 17 guns to which a reply of 15 guns will be made by the Kent. The Vice-Admiral will then board the Kent and will be received by a naval guard of honour and a band on board.

Sir Frederic Dreyer will leave H.M.S. Kent at 10.15 a.m. with the guard of honour and band still parading. The Admiral will proceed to Queen's Pier where a military guard of honour awaits him. After inspecting the guard of honour the Admiral will cross the harbour to board the Carthage. The new Commander-in-Chief will then exchange calls with H.E. the Governor and H.E. the G.O.C.

Where To Go To
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The following letter from "Simple Liver" from Spain to the "Observer" on how to live abroad on £180 may be of interest:—

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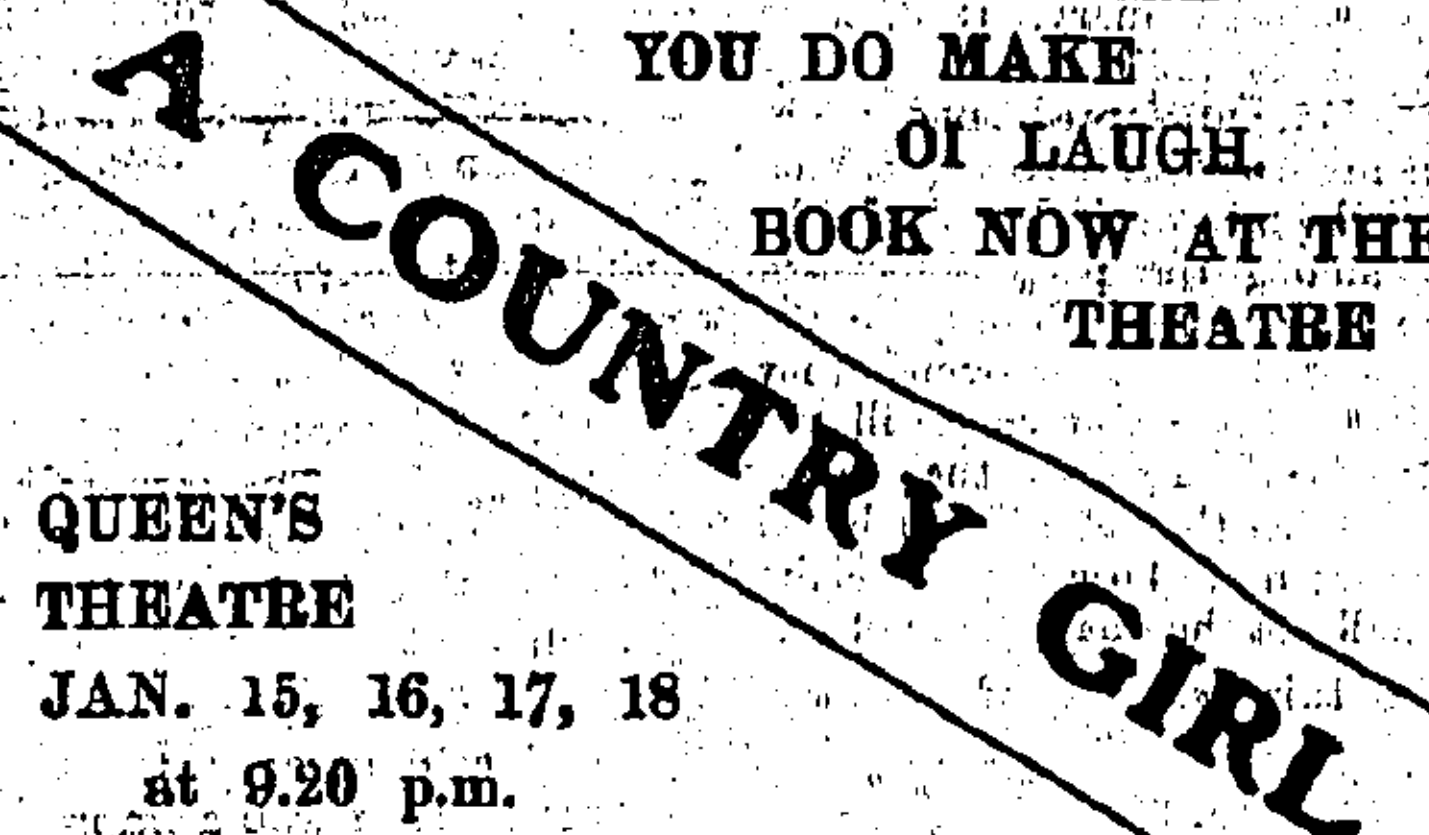
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THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

AMERICAN POLITICAL CIRCLES IN CONFUSION

Flow Of Cash Stops Overnight

UNEMPLOYMENT FACING A.A.A. OFFICIALS

Farmers' Vote May Affect Election Campaign

New York, Jan. 7. The press receives the U. S. Supreme Court's decision that the Agricultural Adjustment Act is unconstitutional strictly on party lines.

New York Herald: "The sudden liquidation of the A.A.A. raises many complex problems, but the Supreme Court faced its inescapable duty which it has performed courageously, nor is the country likely to be dismayed by the result which seems as certain to confirm the Court's high prestige as to hearten the whole country."

New York Times: "It was a unanimous Court that held the N.R.A. to be invalid and one could have wished similar unanimity in avoiding or upholding the A.A.A. However, a majority decision is binding and final."

The New York Journal of Commerce claims that the decision shows it is not possible to govern through amateurish legal expedients in defiance of constitutional limitations.—Reuter.

BRITISH INTEREST

London, Jan. 7. The decision monopolises the main news positions of the morning papers and most commentators agree with the view that the constitutional question is likely to become the dominant issue of the coming election.

The "Daily Mail" remarks that it is easy to exaggerate the effect of the decision. It will not seriously affect the gradual but sure return of the United States to prosperity.

UTMOST CONFUSION

Washington, Jan. 7. Extension of the newly-opened session of Congress, possibly lasting through the presidential elections until Christmas, is predicted by some members of Congress as the result of the Supreme Court's ruling.

The belief that most of the New Deal is good as dead is expressed by many of its supporters, and some even consider that the new Social Security Law providing for unemployment insurance, old-age pensions and work relief schemes could be invalidated on the same grounds as those quoted by the majority of the Supreme Court's ruling.

Meanwhile political circles are thrown into utmost confusion. Flow of cash amounting so far to \$225,000,000 to farmers for restricting production has stopped overnight while the A.A.A. will be thrown out of work.

EMERGENCY PLANS

Officials of the A.A.A. decline to comment on the situation, but it is understood that three emergency substitute plans are being considered.

Firstly, a domestic allotment programme guaranteeing prices to farmers in proportion to their crops.

Secondly, creation of forty eight small A.A. Administrations in the States Union financed by federal groups.

Thirdly, federal payments to farmers for "proper use of their land."

Political leaders generally agree that the Supreme Court ruling will have an important effect on the presidential election campaign.

Even if it is possible to impose new taxes to pay the existing crop restriction contracts, this would be most distasteful to Congress in view of the coming elections, while those welcoming the Supreme Court's decision maintain their unusual reticence in view of the delicacy of the question of farm relief and the importance of the farmers' vote to both Republicans and Democrats.—Reuter.

COURT'S RULING

Washington, Jan. 6. With the Supreme Court's decision that the Agricultural Adjustment Administration is unconstitutional, since it is an attempt to control production one of the heaviest blows of its life has been dealt President Roosevelt's administration.

The ruling destroys both the original A.A.A. and the amended Act by which the Agricultural Administration came into being. Congress amended the original Act last session.

The measure was brought into being to raise the prices of farm produce by subsidizing farmers

and encouraging them to restrict the output of their crop-land. The Administration claimed to have increased the farmers' income by \$220,000,000 in one year as a result of the A.A.A.

The Supreme Court's decision was not unanimous there being a judgment of six to three.

Referring to the amendment to the Agricultural Administration Act, Mr. Justice Roberts giving judgment, said it made no difference as Congress could not rectify something which it had no power to originate.

"Congress might redistribute the entire industrial population if this act were upheld and the United States could destroy local self-government," he added.—Reuter.

READY TO ACT

Washington, Jan. 4. With the announcement of the A.A.A. decision, speculation now shifts to another quarter: What will the Government do about it?

Mr. Henry C. Wallace Secretary of Agriculture and Mr. Chester Davis, A.A.A. executive are believed to be prepared to introduce immediately into Congress legislation possibly promising federal aid to states which create their own local A.A.A. organisations. Thus, they would obtain their farm objectives through forty-eight local organisations.

At any rate the Government must still seek funds to pay the \$500,000,000 due as payment on existing contracts.

Government lawyers have previously indicated that these contracts were binding regardless of the fate of the A.A.A.

Meanwhile, the Bankhead Act, which affects cotton production restriction and processing taxes, is also before the Supreme Court. The judgment is awaited with fear by the Administration for even before the A.A.A. decision, the Government had given up hope of preserving the Bankhead Act.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT DECLINES TO COMMENT

Washington, Jan. 6. President Roosevelt has declined to comment on the Supreme Court's decision.

He is now conferring with Mr. Wallace, the Secretary for Agriculture, and Mr. Homer Cummings, the Attorney-General to find some way out of the dilemma to help farmers in producing states.

General Hugh Johnson, original Administrator of the New Deal, said if the decision made every form of farm relief by the United States Government unconstitutional, it left the Administration no alternative but to campaign on the issue of the Constitution.

Mr. Edward O'Neal, President of the American Farm Bureau's powerful farmers' organisation, declares: "The fight is on. This time it will be with gloves off.—Reuter."

PAYMENTS SUSPENDED

Washington, Jan. 6. The Treasury announces the complete suspension of all payments and collection of taxes under the A.A.A.

The feeling is growing in Congress circles that the electoral fight on the issue of a constitutional amendment will be forced on the Government if it wishes to save the social order built up



Nahas Pasha, former Premier and leader of the Wafd Party, who has been prominent recently with the unrest in Egypt

DECISION IN EGYPT

Youth Organisation To Be Formed

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Cairo, January 7.

The creation of a youth organisation on military lines of the Nationalist Wafd Party was decided during a meeting held here under the chairmanship of the Secretary General of the Wafd Party, Makame Ebeid.

The new organisation will be composed of so-called "groups of eleven." Each member of these groups will be required to swear an oath in which he pledges himself to serve Egypt and to undergo military training.

The members of the new organisation will wear blue shirts, grey trousers and a red fez. The emblem of the organisation will be the old Egyptian symbol of the hand with the key, under the motto "Obedience and Action."

The members will salute each other by touching the breast with the right hand. The youth organisation, now created, it is expected here, will form the nucleus of the new Egyptian national army.—Transocean Kuo Min.

SILVER MARKET

(From Our Own Correspondent)

London, Jan. 7.

London silver prices to-day were up 1/4 for "Spot," and quoted for "Forward," as follows:—

Spot 20-1/2 20-3/4

Forward unquoted unquoted

PARINGA'S FOUNDERING INDICATION

Hatch Cover Washed Up On Victoria Coast

Sydney, Jan. 7.

A hatch cover which has been identified as belonging to the steamer Paringa, which vessel has been missing since Boxing Day, has been washed up on the coast of Victoria, and this is taken as a final indication that the ill-fated vessel foundered with all hands.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NEW GOVERNOR

London, Jan. 6.

Vice-Admiral Sir Humphrey Walwyn, the new Governor of Newfoundland, will sail from England on January 9 to take up his appointment.—British Wireless.

by President Roosevelt from complete extinction.

Many Democrats believe that the farmers and workers will become increasingly restive under the successive blows dealt to the New Deal by the Supreme Court. Mr. William Green, president of the American Federation of Labour, said that the necessity for an amendment seems more apparent, and that this draws the attention of the farmers and labourers to the difficulties encountered under the limitations of the constitution, as interpreted by the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

DIFFERENCES AT NAVAL CONFERENCE

Japanese Papers Predict Breakdown

London, January 7. The International Naval Conference was reconvened to-day and it looks as if the British plan for declaration of building programmes six years ahead will be shelved as both the French and Italian delegates favour declaration for only one year ahead.

According to news from Tokyo, the Japanese newspapers say that the breakdown of the conference is imminent and shares for heavy industries rose to-day on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

London Jan. 6.

The next step in the evolution of a formula for naval limitation rests jointly with Great Britain and France and Italy who will try to assimilate their respective proposals. The prospects of the Naval Conference's agreement upon quantitative lines have virtually disappeared to-day however.

The Japanese delegates criticised the British plan, on the ground that it would preserve the ratio system and would not provide for reduction in armaments.

Viscount, Monsell, First Lord of the Admiralty, in response to the Japanese attack said that too much emphasis should not be placed upon the ratio idea while reduction could be secured along qualitative lines through the British plan.

Vice-Admiral Robert of France put forward his Government's scheme. It is that each power including Germany, notify the League of Nations six months ahead of the laying down of every naval unit with full details as to the size of ships and their armaments. Thus said Admiral Robert, any actual reduction would be along qualitative lines.

Italy's spokesman, Commander Count Capponi, submitted a similar scheme. The Italian plan requires notification at the beginning of each year of every piece of building contemplated thus concentrating construction programmes instead of spreading out the orders like the French plan allows.

Mr. Norman Davis, the United States spokesman, commented briefly on the three plans.

MUST APPLY TO ALL

When Admiral Robert intimated that some powers might choose to

be bound by the six month period, Mr. Davis asserted that any period chosen must apply to everybody alike.

The present task of the conference then, is to assimilate the three schemes or choose one of them as the framework in which to seek qualitative limitation.—Reuter.

QUALITATIVE LIMITATION

London, Jan. 6. Qualitative naval limitation, as distinct from quantitative disarmaments, made its first appearance at the Naval Conference this afternoon.

After the Japanese had criticised the British proposals put forward on December 17, the French spokesman submitted new plans requiring the powers, including Germany to notify of naval building programmes annually through the League of Nations. The French suggested a reduction in the size of battleships and cruisers.

The conference adjourned until Wednesday to enable the delegations to elaborate details of the various proposals and study them thoroughly.—Reuter.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

London, Jan. 6.

Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, was elected President of the Naval Conference, in succession to Sir Samuel Hoare, when business was resumed this afternoon on the conclusion of the holiday recess.

It is understood that the French delegation made a strong appeal for exchange of information on building programmes every year.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

OIL EMBARGO PRESSURE

Paris Journal's Report

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press")

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The British General Staff favours an oil embargo as the best means of hastening the end of the Italo-Abyssinian war, according to a despatch, from London published by the paper "L'Oeuvre" here to-day.

The despatch asserts that the British General Staff is strongly convinced of the necessity of bringing the war to a close as soon as possible for the following reasons:—

1. If hostilities should be prolonged the Italians—in the British General Staff's opinion—will only suffer a severe defeat.

2. The victory of a black race over the white would entail disastrous consequences for the colonial population and nations, and so far as Britain itself is concerned, it would tend to strengthen the nationalist movements in Egypt, the Far East and India.

For these reasons the British General Staff is pressing the British Government to insist on an oil embargo according to the French Journal, which adds that the opinion prevails in London, Paris and Geneva that the League Council which is reassembling on January 20, will discuss the matter.—Transocean Kuo Min.

DUCHESS OF YORK

London, Jan. 7. The condition of the Duchess of York, shows steady improvement and convalescence is approaching.—British Wireless.

TURKEY AIMS AT UNITED FRONT

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press")

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Istanbul, Jan. 7.

President Kemal Ataturk during a prolonged talk with the Afghan Foreign Minister, discussed with the latter plans for the creation of a political bloc embracing Turkey, Iraq and Afghanistan, states a report received here from Ankara, which adds that the aim of the political combine is the formation of a "united front" in foreign policy of the four countries concerned.

Political quarters here stress the necessity of such a common policy for the four states in view of the present international tension.—Transocean Kuo Min.

ITALIAN PROPAGANDA FROM THE AIR

Alleged Poisoning Of Lidj Yasu

(Special to the "Hong Kong Daily Press")

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Addis Ababa, Jan. 7.

Italian planes according to reports received here from the northern front, are now dropping pamphlets charging the Negus with usurping the Abyssinian throne, and with poisoning the legitimate Emperor, Lidj Yasu.

Abyssinian official quarters commenting on the report point out that the dethronement of Lidj Yasu in 1917 actually was mainly due to pressure exerted by Italy, France and Britain.—Transocean Kuo Min.



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BRITISH COAST SWEEP BY FIERCE GALE

Tragedy On Holt Liner Ulysses

London, Jan. 7.

After seventeen hours struggle with the gale, the three dead and four injured members of the Blue Funnel liner Ulysses were landed at Swansea.

Two gigantic waves swept the vessel while the men were battling down the hatches with the result that the men were swept into the well of the deck and dashed against the side of the ship.

None of the 130 passengers on the ship were injured.

The Ulysses has now resumed her voyage. It transpires that she was going to Australia via the Cape.

Bo'sun Kerrison of Wallasey, Seamen Wilcox and Lawnsen were those who were killed, and the injured were Bo'sun's Mate Doran, Seamen Williams, Gordon and Crossland.—Reuter.

GUSTS OF 100 M.P.H.

London, Jan. 7. A great gale, during which gusts of 100 miles per hour were registered, swept the southwest coast of Britain on Sunday night and yesterday morning and shipping received heavy buffeting.

Tremendous seas were running in the Irish Sea and the Holt liner Ulysses was hit by huge waves. During this brief period of stress, while the crew were battling down hatches, two gigantic waves swept the deck knocking the men down. Three men were killed and four injured.

The Ulysses, which is carrying 130 passengers and is bound for Brisbane, put into Swansea, but it was seventeen hours after her arrival in the bay before the vessel could enter dock. This was effected this morning.

Meanwhile, despite several attempts, it was found impossible owing to the gale to land the injured men.

Three small vessels damaged by the gale put into Falmouth for repairs last night. Three of the crew of one of them were injured, including the Chief Officer, who had been swept off the bridge.

Many other casualties to small craft are reported.—British Wireless.

COMPENSATION FOR BOMB VICTIMS

Ruling To Be Sought From World Court

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Stockholm, Jan. 7.

Political quarters here assert that the Swedish Government intends to demand a decision from the International Court of Arbitration at the Hague whether Italy is obliged to compensate the families of the Swedish nationals killed during the bombardment of the Swedish Red Cross unit at Dol.

If the answer is in the affirmative the Court will be asked to fix the sum to be paid to the victims' relatives. Since Sweden as well as Italy recognised the statutes of the Hague Court, it is generally believed that Italy will not be able to avoid an arbitration procedure.—Transocean Kuo Min.

LIFE SENTENCE COMMUTED

King's Regiment Private In India

Nagpur, Jan. 7.

The life sentence passed on a private of the King's Regiment was quashed on appeal. The judges held that the man was guilty of rioting and culpable homicide not amounting to murder and sentenced him to seven years rigorous imprisonment.—Reuter.

ITALIAN BOMBING

Apparently Believing their Objective to be Abyssinian posts, Italian planes are reported to have bombed British protected tribesmen watering camels near the frontier, causing the beasts to stampede.

It is learned that before the bombing of the Dulale Wells on December 29 the Italian planes dropped leaflets declaring: "You have killed our airmen. This is against international law. Take what is coming." The leaflets, which were signed by General Graziani, evidently referred to the recent report that three of the crew of the Italian planes which were forced down near Daggahbur with engine trouble were shot by tribesmen.

Other leaflets scattered by planes warned the tribesmen that the Italians are coming to bring better justice and good government.—Reuter.

HAUPTMANN EXECUTION DAY POSTPONED

Trenton, Jan. 7.

Bruno Hauptmann's execution date has been postponed for a few days. Reports are current that Governor Hoffman of New Jersey is still seeking new evidence on Hauptmann's behalf and that he may relieve him to allow time for investigations.

Meanwhile the New Jersey Court of Pardons has announced that it will consider Hauptmann's plea for clemency.—Reuter.

FIRST MEETING OF URBAN COUNCIL

Select Committees Appointed

AMENDMENTS AND BYE-LAWS PASSED

The first meeting of the Urban Council was held yesterday, and before dealing with the business before the Council, Mr. W. J. Carrie said that while some of them felt sorry for the passing of the old Sanitary Board, but none would be sorry for the non-sensical Chinese name of "Kit Tsing Kuk" which could be translated as the "Purity and Cleanliness Bureau." That might not have been a name, but it only stressed one side of the duties of the Bureau.

WELCOME EXTENDED

Welcome was extended to the new members of the Urban Council which met for the first time yesterday since its inception. Among matters passed and discussed were the election of Select Committees for the Council whose duties are to go into the application of the various trade licenses.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. J. Carrie, while others present were: the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington (Vice Chairman), the Hon. Mr. R. M. Henderson (D.P.W.), the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith (S.C.A.), the Hon. Mr. T. H. King (I.G.P.), the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, Dr. Li Shu Fan, Mr. A. Arculli, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary), and Mr. Im Ping Tseung (Assistant Secretary).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Addressing the meeting, the chairman Mr. Carrie said: "This is the first meeting of the Hong Kong Urban Council and before commencing the business of the Day I should like to say a few words."

"Many of you are old hands at this table and in your name and for myself I welcome the new members."

In the first place we are all glad to have with us the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services. His position is a particular one: he is ex-officio Vice-Chairman of the Council and his special duties are stressed by his being named as "the professional adviser to the Council in all medical matters of public health and sanitation." We are already greatly indebted to him for a careful revision of the Ordinances and by-laws under which we work; no one who has studied these Ordinances can fail to appreciate the immense improvement he has made in the code of law governing our duties. He has set us a high standard in places but for progress we must hitch our wagon to a star. I cannot refrain, however, from mentioning that one or two difficulties which we have experienced in the past have been overlooked. I shall not fail to bring these to the notice of the Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and ask for his advice on these matters."

"PURITY AND CLEANLINESS"

We welcome also the Honourable Inspector General of Police as an additional official member. He will be of great assistance to us in many matters and notably in the control of hawkers which are now in the care of the Council.

The unofficial members are nearly all old friends. We welcome back Dr. Li Shu Fan in a slightly altered capacity and we welcome our new member Mr. Abbas el Arculli. Besides two seats which, I am sorry to say, are empty on account of illness, there is one vacancy. An election will shortly take place to fill this vacancy, and may the best man win!

There is, I think, only one other point I wish to make. Some of us are sorry that the old name Sanitary Board has gone, but none of us will, I think, regret the passing of the non-sensical Chinese name of "Kit Tsing Kuk" which could be translated as the purity and cleanliness bureau. It stressed only one side of our duties. The new title will be "Shi Ching Wai Shang Kuk" which brings before the public all our semi-municipal duties in the furtherance of Public Health.

Unless any member wishes to make further introductory remarks we can now pass to the business of the Day.

SELECT COMMITTEES

The Chairman then read the minutes relative to the draft of the Standing Orders and Rules of

Debate and these being seconded by Hon. Dr. Wellington were passed.

In explaining the minutes to the proposed constitution of the new Select Committee the chairman explained that the functions of these committees would be in the nature of carrying over the duties of the old ones of the Sanitary Board. If such Select Committees were not chosen, he was afraid that when applications are made by people too much time would be wasted before such applications would be passed and in order to avoid this delay and to save the applicants any personal loss, the chairman suggested that the Council should have the Select Committees.

ONE SUGGESTION

The Hon. Mr. Lo said that he would make one suggestion. If the Select Committee granted any applications such applications to be put up to the Council in their periodical notices. Should a refusal be made such a refusal to be confirmed by the Council, and should opinion be divided, such should be made known to the Council by the dissentient, provided he has a seconder. Mr. Lo further said that he was sure the gathering would take the personnel of the Select Committees as nominated by the Chairman.

The following were then nominated for the following Select Committees:

Basements:—The Chairman, Hon. Dr. Wellington, Dr. Li Shu Fan and Mr. F. C. Hall.

Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Goats:—The Chairman, Dr. Wellington and the Veterinary Surgeon.

Cemeteries:—The Chairman, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Bellamy.

Dairies and Milk Shops:—The Chairman, Dr. Wellington, Dr. Basto and Mr. Arculli.

Dangerous and Offensive Trades:—The Chairman, The Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. Lo and Mr. Wong Kwong Tin.

Eating Houses and Restaurants:—The Chairman, The D.M.S.S., The Hon. I.G.P., Hon. Mr. Lo and Dr. Li Shu Fan.

Exhumation:—The Chairman and the Health Officer.

Food Factories, which include Aerated Water Factories, Bake Houses and Food Preserving Factories:—The Chairman, D.M.S.S. and Dr. Li Shu Fan.

Fruit Shops:—The Chairman, D.M.S.S., Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Mr. Arculli.

Hawkers:—The Chairman, The Hon. I.G.P., Dr. Li Shu Fan.

Laundries:—The Chairman, Health Officer and Dr. Basto.

Markets:—The Chairman, D.M.S.S., Colonial Veterinary Surgeon and the Hon. Mr. Lo.

Notices and Complaints:—The Chairman and the Health Officer.

Prevention and Mitigation of Epidemic, Endemic, Contagious or Infectious Diseases and Littering:—The Chairman, D.M.S.S., Mr. Wong Kwong Tin.

Wells and Pools:—The Chairman, D.M.S.S., Mr. Bellamy and Mr. Wong Kwong Tin.

AMENDMENTS PASSED

The following amendments and by-laws were also passed at the meeting:—

That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading "Markets" a sub-heading "Market Stalls" set forth in Schedule to the above-mentioned Ordinance:—

The following additional by-law is inserted immediately after by-law 40:—

40A.—No flesh of any animal slaughtered in the Government

HOCKEY

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club v. Hong Kong Police on Club ground, King's Park at 5 p.m. to-day:—

H. F. Shields, J. E. Potter (Capt.), J. Rodger, J. G. Cotesworth, W. A. Reed, R. A. Bates, K. C. Woodhouse, S. A. Fowler, G. E. R. Divett, D. Carey, D. J. Nooy.

INTERPORT

Miss E. M. Grey (H.K. Ladies) has been elected Captain of the Ladies' Interport Hockey team, while Miss M. Bryson (C.B.A. Ladies) has been elected Vice-Captain.

The team will probably leave the Colony for Shanghai by the M.V. Victoria on Sunday, January 19.

Slaughter-house at Sai Wan Ho shall be exposed for sale in any market in the Colony other than the markets at Quarry Bay, Sai Wan Ho and Shauiwan and no flesh of any animal slaughtered in the Government Slaughter-house at Aberdeen shall be exposed for sale in any market in the Colony other than the market at Aberdeen.

SCAVENGING

That in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 (xv) of the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935 the Urban Council makes the following amendment to the by-laws under the heading "Scavenging" contained in Schedule A to the Public Health (Sanitation) Ordinance, 1935.

DOMESTIC BUILDINGS

By-law No. 5 is rescinded and the following by-law is substituted therefor:—

5.—(1) The occupier of any domestic building or the occupier or principal tenant, as the case may be, of any flat or floor of a domestic building, when such flat or floor is let as a separate tenancy, and the occupier of any other premises situated within any of the districts specified in by-law No. 3 shall provide and keep in such domestic building, flat, floor or other premises (all of which are in this by-law included in the word "Premises") a sufficient number of strong substantial movable dust-bins or dust-cans, constructed of impervious material and fitted with closely fitting covers and of a pattern approved by the Council, and shall deposit therein from day to day all refuse which has accumulated in such premises pending removal in accordance with paragraph (1) of this by-law.

(2) He shall at such a time or times as a refuse lorry stops for the collection of refuse at or near his premises daily carry or cause to be carried from his premises all the refuse and other objectionable matter and deposit it or cause it to be deposited in the refuse lorries provided by the Council.

(3) In lieu of the procedure provided by paragraph (1) of this by-law, the Council may require such occupier to empty such dust-bins or dust-cans at least once daily, at such time or times as the Council may appoint, into dust-bins or dust-boats provided by the Council.

(4) He shall also give access to any Sanitary Inspector or other officer or person authorised by the Council for the purpose of scavenging and removing refuse from any part of his premises, or for the purpose of seeing that the provisions of these by-laws are duly complied with, and if the open space appurtenant to such premises be enclosed, the door or grate shall be opened for such purpose whenever required.

(5) No person shall place any dust-can or dust-bin in any public place or remove the contents thereof except in accordance with paragraphs (1) or (2) of this by-law.

(6) No person shall throw or deposit, or permit his servants or members of his household under his control to throw or deposit, any dust, rubbish, litter, refuse or other waste materials of any description, or offensive matter of any kind, into or upon any street, sewer or drain, or upon any vacant or unoccupied land.

That in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2 and 4, the Urban Council makes the following amendment of the by-laws under the heading "A. General and Licensing" set forth in the Schedule to the Ordinance No. 22 of 1935 (Hawkers):—

HAWKERS' LICENCES

The following additional By-law is inserted immediately after By-law No. 21.

22.—All Hawkers' licences, except licences to hawk tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, issued under the Miscellaneous Licences Ordinance, 1933, shall be deemed to have been issued under these by-laws, and shall continue in force until revoked or until they expire.

GOLF

Captain's Cup And Stubbs Shield

The following are the results in the first round of the Captain's Cup, 1935 competition, of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club:

A. B. Purves beat A. McKellar 4 and 2, H. Jusseland beat K. W. Jones 3 and 2, J. H. B. Lee beat A. M. W. Scott, w.o., W. J. S. Key beat J. Mc. I. Brown 4 and 3, W. W. G. Shewan beat P. Morrison 1 up, D. J. Keogh beat A. K. Forsyth 2 and 1, D. S. Edwards beat H. A. Brown 1 up, C. H. Burton beat C. W. E. Bishop at 18th.

The second round must be played not later than January 26.

STUBBS SHIELD

Second round results in the Stubbs Shield follow. P. W. D. beat Rets Massey & Co., 1 up, Drs. McGowan, Anderson & Co. beat Butterfield & Swire, H.K. & Shanghai Bank beat Wilkinson and Grist, w.o., Chartered Bank beat Harbour Office 2 and 1, Colonial Treasury beat Lowe, Bingham and Matthews 4 and 3, Gilman & Co. beat Canadian Pacific Railway 2 up, Royal Engineers beat H.K.S. Royal Art, J. D. Hutchison & Co. beat Educational Department, w.o.

The third round is to be completed not later than January 27.

CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Cricket Club in their league match against the H.K.C.C. on the latter's ground

RUGGER TRIAL

A trial match between Colours and Whites will be played on the Club ground to-day at 5 p.m. after which the Colony XV to meet the New Zealand Universities will be selected. The following have been chosen for the trial match:

WHITES

L. G. Robertson; H. R. McGilchrist; Lieut. Fraser, R.M.; Lieut. St. Clair Ford, R.M.; Mid. Wright, R.N.; A. H. R. Butcher; J. L. Bonnar; Marine Light; G. S. Chambers; A. F. Wallden; Pay-Lieut. Sowman, R.N.; Dr. J. H. McElroy; E. P. Humphreys; Lieut. Winter, R.N.; M. S. Cummings.

COLOURS

P. C. Frost; Tel. Jones; H. C. Meek; Rev. McKenzie Dow; Lieut. Withers, R.A.; J. Hutchison; R. B. Griffiths; Lieut. Knox, R.N.; B. D. G. Barlow; P. O. Wyman; S. H. Garrod; W. E. Peers; J. S. Dunnett; A. B. Evans; F. J. McGugan; E. B. Gammell; Referee:—Dr. J. A. R. Selby

at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 11th. Inst. F. Goodwin (Capt.), E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, A. T. Lay, R. E. Lee, F. W. Smith, N. A. E. Mackay, A. W. Ramsay, S. V. Gittins, F. Zimmer, G. C. Burnett.

GUN PRACTICE

Gun practice with live ammunition will be carried out over the Tai Lam Artillery Ranges (near Castle Peak) between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the under-mentioned dates.

Wednesday, January 8, 1936.
Thursday, January 9, 1936.
Tuesday, January 14, 1936.
Wednesday, January 15, 1936.
Thursday, January 16, 1936.
Saturday, January 18, 1936.
Tuesday, January 21, 1936.
Wednesday, January 22, 1936.
Monday, January 27, 1936.
Tuesday, January 28, 1936.
Thursday, January 30, 1936.
Friday, January 31, 1936.

Mutual Aid Pact Reached

JOINT ANGLO-FRENCH ACTION IF ITALY ATTACKS

London, Jan. 8.
Full agreement to support each other in the event of an Italian attack has been reached between France and Great Britain whose naval, military and air attaches are now engaged in technical conversations aiming at perfecting certain details of Franco-British mutual assistance commitments, it is learned on good authority.

It is emphasized here that Britain's assistance to France in the event of the latter being attacked by a third party while organizing her defence system along the Italian frontier would automatically result from paragraph 3, Article XVI of the League Covenant (on sanctions).

CHEERO CLUB GAIETY

"Postal Orders"

An enjoyable evening was spent by members of the Services last night at the Cheero Club when an impromptu concert followed by a farcical sketch entitled "Postal Orders" was rendered by several artists.

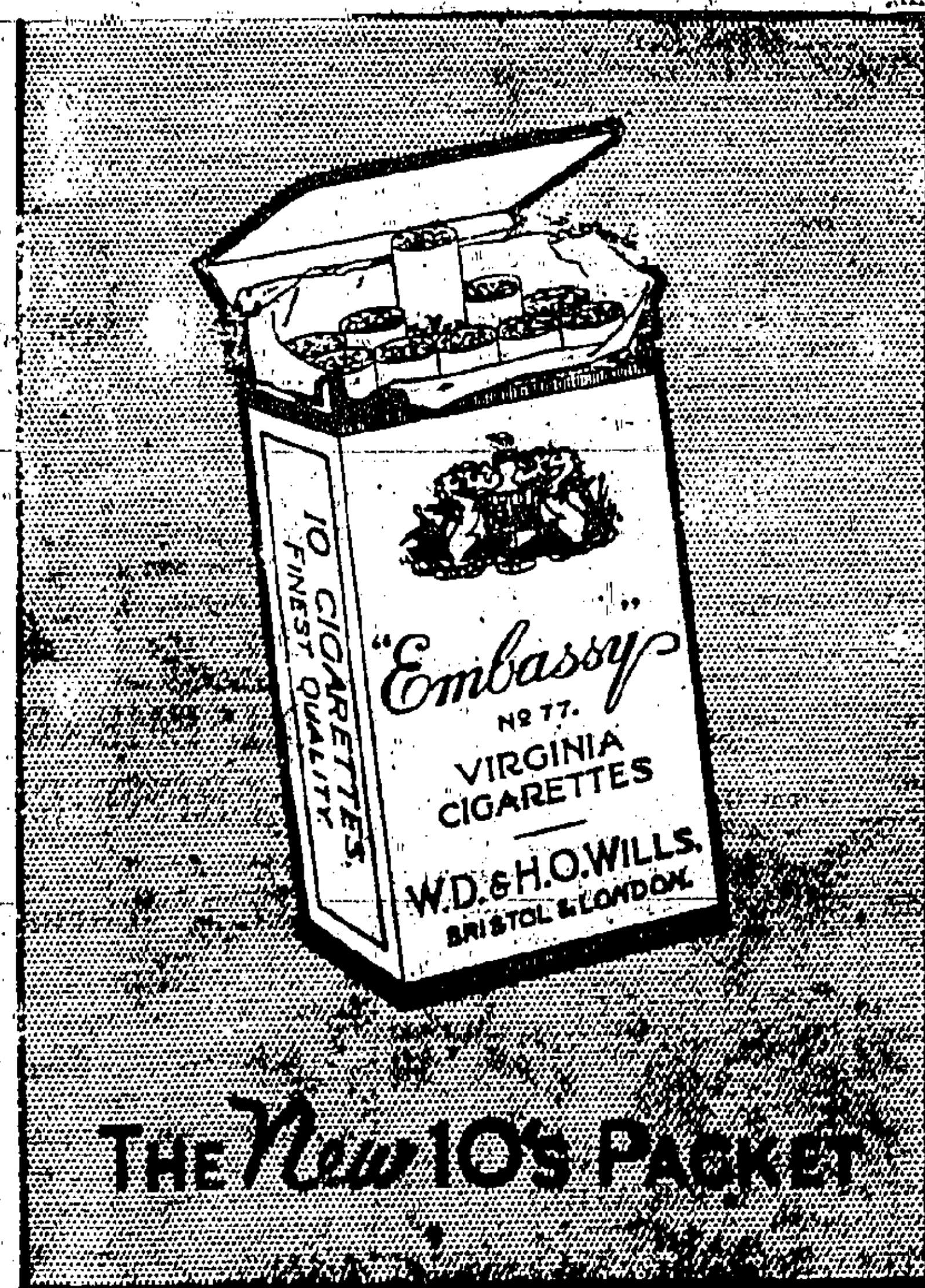
Prior to the sketch being produced incidental musical items were provided by several members of the services and the accordion playing by Mr. Gallagher of H.M.S. Kent evoked rounds of applause.

"Postal Orders" was then played and brought forth peals of laughter from the audience. Whitty dialogue and clever acting made the sketch an entertaining affair.

Miss E. Gray was in charge of the sketch and was assisted by the following artists: Misses M. Mus-kill, E. Sichenio, E. Beavis, and Mr. McKenny. Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy who had always had the interests of the services at heart was also present and rendered valuable services to the arrangements. It was a thoroughly entertaining night.

France, it is pointed out, did not ask London for any special assurances as regards assistance along the Rhenish border.

Commenting on the experts' talks now in progress, well-informed quarters state that the question of Britain's naval assistance to France has already been settled. Britain's support on land and in the air is, however, not immediately available since Britain is now busy carrying out her new air programme and reorganizing her army along mechanized lines.—Havas.



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LITERARY PRINCIPLES ANALYSED

Thought Provoking Address
By Father ByrneOBJECT PRESENTED AND
SOUL REVEALED

There was a good attendance at the third meeting of the Hong Kong Branch of the English Association, which was held at the Helena May Institute yesterday, when Father G. Byrne, S.J., gave a very interesting talk on literary principles entitled "A Thing of Beauty is a Joy For Ever."

Sir Thomas Southern was in the chair, supported by Mrs. Q. A. A. Macfadyen (Hon. Secretary). Among those who attended were: Sir Wm. Horrell, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Lady Shenon Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Dr. R. H. Korewall, Prof. R. K. M. Simpson, Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Pfister, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. de Martin, Com. Uff. A. Bianconi, (Italian Consul) Mr. H. C. MacNamara, Mr. W. J. Carrie, and Mr. M. F. Key.

After the minutes of the second meeting had been read by the Hon. Secretary and confirmed, Sir Thomas Southern, in introducing the speaker, said that Father Byrne required little introduction as he was known as a learned lecturer, and as a rule always gave something that in addition to being interesting, was provocative.

Before addressing the assembly, the speaker said that a concise summary had been placed in the hands of all so that ready reference could be made to the sources of his talk. These proved invaluable, and other lecturers might do well to copy.

A THING OF BEAUTY—

Father Byrne said:— Nearly a century ago addressing a Paris audience, on Tradition in Literature, Sainte-Beuve said: "There is a tradition, who would deny it? It is clearly marked for everyone to see—opening out before us like one of those immense, rather grandiose routes that once traversed the Empire and led straight to the Eternal City."

Not one of Sainte-Beuve's audience would have questioned the tradition, but to-day a chorus of the "Psychologists of Literature" would drown the claim with the all-pervading voice of Personality. Is not the perfection of great literature to be found in the expression of a great personality, and the characteristic of personality in its aloneness? No two persons are alike. The Swan of Avon's dying song would hardly re-echo from the banks of the Furlan's Paradise Regained. Was not Wordsworth correct in his famous line?

"The soul was like a star,
and dwelt apart."

A strong confirmation of the absence of any permanent principles seems to be offered by the failure of the critics to construct a complete theory of poetry. Is there any unity in Shelley's "expression of the imagination," Wordsworth's "renascence of wonder," Wordsworth's "emotion recollected in tranquillity," Arnold's "criticism of life," Lessing's "illusion"—to mention but a few? We may reply that the diversity of definition brings into relief the permanent principles of our quest. The critics stress rather a universal and objective value in poetry: the poets themselves are more pre-occupied with the personal elements.

POOR IN WORKS

English literature is poor in works on this question. Aristotle's Theory of Poetry and Fine Arts by Butcher is an outstanding work. Croce's Aesthetic has been translated. If we read it in conjunction with Puffer's Psychology of Beauty we have a strong contrast of the idealist's and the realist's point of view. For Croce the aesthetic is in the pure-idea: it represents the states of the soul—passion, feeling, personality; whilst the realist, re-echoing Ruskin's pathetic fallacy, would have you, with the German Lipps school, "mean with the wind and smile with the rose and lie flat with painted horizontal lines." The voice of the realist had become very loud. It was heard in the salons frequented by devotees of Joyce and Pound and Virginia Woolf. Fortunately there is a strong and sane reaction. Professor Lascelles Abercrombie presents us with the text and the example of one who can speak

with all the freshness of a modern poet. Still living he had had the signal honour of being included in the "Oxford Poets"; an honour due to one who combines the austere and masterful energy of Lucretius with a rhetoric coloured by the gold and blaze of Marlowe's pageantry.

Our field of investigation would be hopelessly vast unless we confined ourselves to one aspect of literary form. We select poetry, a realm especially chosen for unrestricted freedom by the extreme Dadaists: "Freedom Dada Dada Dada, howling of shriveled colours, interlacing of contraries and all contradictions, grotesques, inconsequentialities: Life." (Tristan Tzara).

Any philosophy of poetry must study the three questions of the inspiration, the nature, and the function of poetry. Why does the poet write? What is the character of the poetry he writes? Why do people read his effusions? Abercrombie's starting point is that art is essentially a communication not directly of ideas, but of experience. The poet writes to make the reader share in his experience. He does not aim, as might a member of a "Hong Kong Attractive" committee, at convincing people of the island's beauty. He aims at making them fall under the spell of its charm. There is a personal note, otherwise the experience could not be communicated. In real art, however, the personal must suggest the universal. The realist stops at his subjective experience. He makes of it the measure of artistic expression. He sings of the individual in the concrete unlike Aristotle who finds there the universal. Homer, Shakespeare, Dante, Sophocles, Goethe plumb the depths, but not as does the archaeologist. The archaeologist examines every brick in the ancient wall. The poet has no difficulty in building the great wall of China for his hero in a night and reducing it to dust that his hero may escape by the morrow's sunset. Aristotle is right: the poet is not responsible for improbabilities in his material.

A DUAL WORLD— Abercrombie leads us into a dual world. An attractive Platonic dream, perhaps, but we cannot dream it. Out of the real world his poet spins an imaginary ideal made perfect by art, dissolving in a vision of fancy: a universe "re-moulded nearer to the heart's desire." The "poetry of refuge" might, indeed end there, or the fairy plays of Shakespeare; but surely Everyman is not set in a world of ideal speculations, nor is Othello a study of jealousy as it might appear in a Cloud-Cuckoo-Land.

It ought not to be more difficult to answer the question "what is a good book" than to answer the question "what is a good deed?" Our lawyers in the courts, and commonsense in the streets, have no difficulty about the latter. Would it not be suicidal to despair of ideals in the expression of thought, ideals of permanent value and universal application, if we admit ideals of human conduct which is the actualisation of thought?

Noble conduct and noble speech cannot be appraised according to different standards. Anything is well done if it be done in harmony with its nature and its end: there must be due proportion in the constituent elements and the result proposed. Literary expression must be in harmony with the nature of man and the end of speech.

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS— In literary expression there are two things inseparably joined, an object presented and a soul revealed. These are the essential elements. The richer they are, the richer is the literary art. Perfect expression is, therefore, to unfold the whole object with the whole of one's soul. It does not stop there. The poet's song is no mere singing in the bath-tub for the sake of vocalization. The song is meant to stimulate a sympathetic chord. There should be an appeal to others to share in the significance of the emotion.

and the emotion should stand out as one capable of universal appeal. The poet is playing on an aeolian harp to make it vibrate in unison with his. Intelligence, imagination, sensibility, all must concur. So we get the first fundamental law, or abiding principle, of great literature:

The greatness of the artist's utterance is in his release of the varied powers which combine for the desired effect.

HUMAN NATURE

I glance at a dozen books on a shop counter. Is this one or that one literature? It is if it be the work of all the artist's power affecting mine duly. History, philosophy, science, even a banker's memorandum provided that the light of his intelligence shine through mine, his imagination colours my imagination, and the throb of his heart is felt in my being.

All the powers of the poet co-operate, but their co-operation is orderly. He uses all the chords of his lyre, not, however, with the same intensity of vibration. Two things will regulate the order: human nature, invariable in its depths in spite of surface changes, and the nature of the objects expressed. The hierarchy of the human powers is fixed. Imagination and feeling may have their full play provided that they do not swallow up reason in a whirling eddy of sensibility, nor drown the will in a surge of sentiment.

The main difficulty of permanent principles arises in handling the object. Here there is nothing invariable. The object of literary expression is without end—Man, the Universe, God; every shrob of pleasure, every pang of suffering. Tragedy, Comedy, lyrical touch. All these reach us through another soul, on whom they have played, and who bids for our sympathetic response. The poet's art must suit the nature of the object. I must be gentle or strong; gay or severe; simple or grandiose; like the pale, cold light of the midnight moon, or aglow with the rich colouring of the setting sun. Shakespeare is praised because nothing is too small, nothing is too big for the touch of his genius. The language must suit the theme. The theme must suit not merely the man but man. Are not the consequences clear? Writers who always respect the principle are always great. The one-time great who neglect it become decadent. So Abercrombie passes judgment on Swinburne:

"Swinburne began by discovering an extraordinarily individual technique,.....he then proceeded to repeat over and over again the devices which his youth had discovered. And why? Because he delighted in their beauty.....the result is that he talked more and more to write poetry, for he became more and more unreadable. His devices were at last not even beautiful: expression had deserted them, and left only a sonority that pleased for the moment, and then sinks into tedium. The nature of the beauty peculiar to poetry is the judgment we pass on language which achieves within the sphere appropriate to poetry, complete and just expression." (Theory of Poetry, pp. 222-3).

ART FOR THE PEOPLE

The simplest test of abiding values is to be found in history. Art is of the people and for the people. It is personal; it is not for the museum nor for the science laboratory. It is concerned directly with beauty, not directly with truth: "a thing of beauty is a joy for ever." Science has nothing to do with personality. It catalogues; it weighs. There is no place in its scales for emotion. Science has a patchwork history. Its medium is forever changing. Not so with Art. Even if the artist's medium change art remains a universal message of man to man.

The great names of all literatures are the proof. Homer's human nature is ours. The artist may portray evil, not sensualised but purified by the ideal action to which it may lead the sinner. We might cite the penitential psalms of David; we might think of Hamlet stimulated to revolt against the unweeded garden of the world because of his mother's crime, or the transformation of the shrinking Beatrice Cenci into an avenging Nemesis.

Great Greek literature conformed to the canons which we have been considering. Any the vital stream of Greek influence passes through the course of European literature. Rome was humanized through Greece. In England St. Thomas More, Lancelotti, Collet Lyly, led to the Elizabethan age. We

WAR EDUCATION
FOR STUDENTS

Canton Project

Canton, Jan. 7.
A war time curriculum for Sun Yat Sen University, whereby each school and department is assigned for definite preventive and passive measures, was adopted this morning at a meeting of professors at the old campus. The author of the plan is Professor Tsui Tsai Yang, head of the department of education.

While military resistance against aggression is left largely to the military authorities, professors will modify their courses next semester with the object of fitting the undergraduates for war time work. For instance, the School of Science is assigned to produce gas masks, while the School of Engineering will give courses in constructing bomb proof dug-outs and military engineering.

Addressing the faculty and staff of the University this morning, Chancellor Chou Lou emphasized that China is in danger of being invaded wholesale by Japan some time this year, because Japan wants to take advantage of the lack of military preparations of Soviet Russia and the United States. The meeting then passed a unanimous resolution calling for co-operation between faculty and students in studying defensive and relief measures in time of emergency.

The professors met the students at the new campus in Shek Pei yesterday afternoon and told them that they had better study the war time curriculum than to go to the villages in propaganda work. The faculty declared that their war time plan is concrete and can be applicable to the entire country.—United News.

CANTON STUDENTS

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Canton, Jan. 7.
A last minute attempt of the Sun Yat-sen University to prevent the student from leaving the campus to go out on a speech making tour was unsuccessful, as the excited undergraduates left to-day for their native villages for propaganda work and a little rest.

Much confusion prevailed yesterday afternoon at Shek Pei when the students yelled "Kill the traitor professors." The reason is that the professors urged the students not to go on speech-making tours but to study emergency measures applicable in time of war. Several deans were howled and hissed when they tried to persuade the students not to suspend classes. They had already packed up and wanted to go back to their villages to lecture on Sino-Japanese relations to their folks at home and people elsewhere.

The students will take one month in furthering their propaganda work. There will be no examination this semester, and professors now have one month holiday. Classes for the next semester will begin on February 7.

m'ght reflect on the work of Bentley and Pope in the days of Queen Anne, and survey the Victorian revival built up on Greek tradition: Keats, Cowper, Byron, Landor, Arnold, Tennyson, Browning, to say nothing of De Quincey, Macaulay, Ruskin, Pater. Even rival statesmen, as Darby and Gladstone, meet in Homeric tradition, whilst the great critics, Sainte-Sbury, Lang, Butcher, Jebb weave their criticism out of the many-coloured but abiding strands of Greek thought.

LECTURE THANKED— In expressing a very hearty vote of thanks to Father Byrne for a stimulating address, Sir Thomas Southern said that he was in agreement with Prof. Simpson (who had spoken in a contradictory vein on literary principles) but admitted that the subject had such magnitude that there was to be a great divergence of opinion. Even if the meeting continued until to-morrow morning, no decision, he felt sure in saying, would be arrived at.

One thing was sure, however, Father Byrne had given the whole assembly a great deal to think about.

ROME ATTITUDE
CHANGINGNONPLUSSSED BY
RESIGNATIONNew Interpretation
Of Duce's Speech

Rome, Dec. 19.
Signs of a new frame of mind are apparent in Rome to-night through newspaper comments on the peace proposals and on Sir Samuel Hoare's resignation are confined to extracts from foreign journals.

One of these signs is the unmistakable effort to convince foreign and Italian opinion that the Duce was not thinking of the peace proposals when he declared in his speech at Pontinia yesterday that Italy would "fight to the end."

Sir Samuel's resignation has obviously nonplussed Italian observers. To-night a Government spokesman emphasised that "it was only an internal affair and no business of Italy's." He went on:

"The resignation is not looked upon in the nature of a Cabinet crisis. Sir Samuel Hoare acted as a member of Mr. Baldwin's Cabinet when he spoke on the Abyssinian conflict and formulated the text of the peace proposals in conjunction with M. Laval. Mr. Baldwin's Ministry is still in office, and therefore we regard the situation as unaffected by Sir Samuel's resignation."

In unofficial but well-informed quarters the opinion is that Sir Samuel Hoare resigned because he was the object of severe criticism and wished to facilitate the British Government's efforts to satisfy public opinion in England, and also to end the Abyssinian war.

I gather that Signor Mussolini has no intention of throwing the proposals overboard. Nor will he be influenced in his decision by what happened in London yesterday. He stands by his former argument that he is dealing with the British and French Governments, not with the League.

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Buyers	Sellers	Share	Share	Buyers	Sellers	Share	Share
Banks							
\$1,490	\$1,500	297	H.K. Banks	\$1,490	297		
213	213	297	Do. (London)	213	297		
259	259	297	Chartered Banks	259	297		
213	213	297	Bank of East Asia	213	297		
276	276	297	N. O. & S. Banks	276	297		
		297	Am. O. Fin. Corp. S.		297		
		297	Ch. Fin. Corp. Ord. S.		297		
		297	Do. Pref. S.		297		
Insurance							
		375	Canton Insurance		375		
		375	Underwriters		375		
		375	Union Insurance		375		
		375	China Fire		375		
		375	H.K. Fire		375		
		375	International Assoc. S.		375		
Shipping							
		335	Douglas		335		
		335	Steamboats		335		
		335	Indos (pref.)		335		
		335	Do. (def.)		335		
		335	Shells		335		
		335	Waterboats		335		
Minerals							
		11	Antamoks		11		
		11	Balaces		11		
		11	Baguio Gold		11		
		11	Benguet Consolidated		11		
		11	Do. Exploration		11		
		11	Do. Goldfield		11		
		11	Big Wedge		11		
		11	Gold River		11		
		11	Gold Creek		11		
		11	United Paracoles		11		
		11	Salacot Mining		11		
		11	Ipo Mining		11		
		11	Tagaytay		11		
		11	Kailans		11		
		11	Langkate (single)		11		
		11	Explorations		11		
		11	Shanghai Loans		11		
		11	Raubs		11		
		11	Venezuela Gold Flds.		11		
Docks, Wharves, and Railroads							
		100	H.K. & K. Wharves		100		
		100	Do. (old)		100		
		100	Do. (new)		100		
		100	Providence (old)		100		
		100	H.K. & W. Docks		100		
		100	S. China Motors		100		
		100	Shanghai Docks		100		
		100	New Engineering S.		100		
		100	Hongkong S.		100		
Lands, Hotels, and Buildings							
		30.30	H.K. Hotels		30.30		
		30.30	Do. 12 Debutures		30.30		
		30.30	Shanghai Lands		30.30		
		30.30	Metropolitan Lands		30.30		
		30.30	H.K. Realities		30.30		
		30.30	China Do.		30.30		
		30.30	Do. Debutures		30.30		
		30.30	Ramparts		30.30		
		30.30	New Asia Hotel		30.30		
		30.30	Asia Realities		30.30		
		30.30	Do. "B" S.		30.30		
		30.30	Chinese Estates		30.30		
Cotton Mills							
		39	Eros		39		
		39	S'ba Cottons (old)		39		
		39	Do. (new)		39		
		39	Zong Sings		39		
		39	Wing On Textiles (S.)		39		
Public Utilities							
		114.60	Tramways		114.60		
		114.60	Peak Trams (old)		114.60		
		114.60	Do. (new)		114.60		
		114.60	Star Fernes		114.60		
		114.60	Yamaguchi		114.60		
		114.60	China Lights (old)		114.60		
		114.60	Do. (new)		114.60		
		114.60	H.K. Electric		114.60		
		114.60	Macao do		114.60		
		114.60	Sandakan Lights		114.60		
		114.60	Telephones (old)		114.60		
		114.60	Do. (new)		114.60		
		114.60	China Buses		114.60		
		114.60	Do. (pref.)		114.60		
Industrials							
		34.40	Malabon Sugar		34.40		
		34.40	Calabog (old)		34.40		
		34.40	Macgregors (pref.)		34.40		
		34.40	Canton Iron		34.40		
		34.40	Cement		34.40		
		34.40	Hopes		34.40		
Miscellaneous							
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		32.14	Constructions (old)		32.14		
		32.14	Do. (new)		32.14		
		32.14	Lane Crawford		32.14		
		32.14	Mackintosh		32.14		
		32.14	Nanyang Tobacco		32.14		
		32.14	Ricinos		32.14		
		32.14	Watsons		32.14		
		32.14	Wm. Powells		32.14		
		32.14	M. Greyhounds		32.14		
		32.14	S. C. Enterprises		32.14		
		32.14	Ch. G. 6. 1925 G. 8. 25		32.14		
		32.14	H.K. Gov. 4% Loans		32.14		
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		32.14	Wallace Harper		32.14		
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PRESIDENT OF C.E.C.

Returning To China

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Canton, Jan. 7.

Facing the spacious boat deck of the Victoria, a brand new Italian motor vessel, and inhaling the warm wind blown to the Red Sea from the two desert shores is Mr. Hu Han Min, President of the C.E.C. Standing Committee, who is returning to China from the French Riviera to resume political life. He stated the political correspondent of the Canton Daily Sun this morning.

"For the past four years, Mr. Hu has been an ardent advocate of active resistance against Japanese aggression and the overthrow of General Chiang Kai Shek's dictatorship," the correspondent pointed out. "Now Mr. Hu will go to Nanking to co-operate with General Chiang Kai Shek, the new President of the Executive Yuan."

Followers of Mr. Hu Han Min strongly deny that he has compromised his political principle for the sake of government office. He wants to give General Chiang Kai Shek a chance to make good his promise of eventual resistance to foreign aggression. The gallant general wants six months of military preparations and diplomatic manoeuvres before he can put up a strong front towards external menace.

Political observers recall that in January, 1932 General Chiang induced Mr. Wang Ching Wei to become President of the Executive Yuan, assuring him that with six months of preparations he would be able to resist Japanese aggression. Admirers of General Chiang now say that he means to stand firm but requires just a little more time to perfect his plans. Hence Mr. Hu is willing to go to Nanking to co-operate with General Chiang.

EARTHQUAKE IN SZECHUAN

Heavy Damage And Loss Of Life

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

Related reports received from the earthquake-torn region of Szechuan province to-day told of a tremendous loss of life and property.

Official advices from the Maipien district said that "houses fell like packs of cards, trees were uprooted, and hills were split asunder."

The death toll, believed to number by the thousands, continued to mount as more remote areas in the stricken region are heard from.

Reports from Shengtu said that the earth shocks continued for five hours and were accompanied by rumblings. Entire villages were said to have been hurled down the mountain sides.

Word of the catastrophe reached here in fragmentary reports from the stricken area.

It is impossible, as yet, to ascertain the true extent of the disaster, which occurred December 23. The zone which was devastated by the quakes is in a remote section, almost inaccessible.

United News.

CHINESE AMBASSADOR MEETS MR. EDEN

London, Jan. 7.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi called on Mr. Anthony Eden to-day in accordance with the custom of Ambassadors and Ministers to call on the new Foreign Secretary when he takes up office.

The Chinese Ambassador and Mr. Eden have become very friendly at frequent meetings at Geneva. It is understood that they discussed the Far Eastern situation, in which Mr. Eden is much interested, at considerable length.

Reuter.

REDS IN RETREAT

Hankow, Jan. 7.

Chinese reports from Hankow state that owing to a severe attack by Government troops the Reds under Ho Lung and Hsiao Keh are retreating to the Hsiang-kwang district and have now reached the Tungjen border of Kwichow.

Meanwhile the Reds at Fuchien-chuan, Kansu, under Mow Te-tung are alleged to be in desperate straits, suffering from starvation and cold.

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NEW YORK STOCK AND COMMODITY QUOTATIONS

(Through Reuter's Agency)

	Close	Open	10.30	10.45
Cotton, May	11.15	10.80	10.82	
Rubber, December	13.89	13.89	13.88	
Chicago Wheat, May	102 1/2	102	102	
Corn, May	62 1/2	61	61 1/2	

STOCKS

Anaconda Copper	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
El. Bond and Share	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
General Motors	55	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Montgomery Ward	37 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
N.Y. Central	29 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
U.S. Steel	48 1/2	48	47 1/2	47 1/2

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KWANGTUNG-KWANGSI RELATIONS

Canton, Jan. 7.

To allay disquieting rumours as a result of his prolonged stay in Kwangsi, General Li Chung Jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Fourth Group Army, is due to return here by the middle of the month. A spokesman of the South-west Political Council stressed this afternoon that Kwangtung and Kwangsi are in the best of terms.

The Communists are menacing Southern Kwelchow, explained the spokesman, which is closed to Kwangsi. General Li Chung Jen and Pai Hsueh Hsi are busy directing the troops in Southern Kwangsi to fight the Reds.

The official stated that he has no definite information whether General Li Chung Jen will assume the new post as commander-in-chief of anti-Red troops in Kwelchow, Kwangsi and Hunan.

The spokesman added that five representatives from Kwangtung and two from Kwangsi will proceed to Singapore to welcome Mr. Hu Han Min, veteran Party leader, who will arrive there on January 16. In addition to General Hsu Hsueh Chi, the Central Authorities will designate Mr. Ku Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, to go to Singapore to welcome Mr. Hu, whose presence in Nanking signifies unity within the Kuomintang, added the spokesman.

United News.

RADIOPHONE SERVICE WITH CHINA

Philippines May Be Connected

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

A radio phone service between the Philippines and China may be inaugurated early next year, according to T. L. Hall, vice-president and assistant general manager of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company.

Mr. Hall has just returned from a three-month vacation in China. While there he observed that telephone communication is making great strides. The Chinese, he said, feel that their great need is for modern means of communication and they are going about it in a big way.

The Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company is ready to operate with the Chinese telephone system whenever the latter is ready to do so, he said.

United News.

EXCHANGE OF SILVER FOR NOTES

Shanghai, Jan. 7.

The British banks have accepted the Chinese Government's offer to exchange their silver holdings for notes at par, plus five per cent. by way of premium. The premium is payable over a two-year period, but on only two-thirds of the amount of silver surrendered.

The American banks had already agreed to surrender their metal.

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MISHAP TO NEW DESTROYER

London, Jan. 8.

The new destroyer, H.M.S. Grillon, on leaving Barrow-in-Furness, where she was built, was being towed down the Clyde by a tug when she met with a slight accident.

Two of the tow-ropes broke, causing the tug to veer to the side of the destroyer. The tug struck the destroyer and caused a hole in her hull.

This necessitated the destroyer being brought back to Barrow-in-Furness for necessary repairs.

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JAPANESE ALLEGATIONS REFUTED

Peking, Jan. 7.

Reports from Ulan Bator state that the information published by the Headquarters of the Kwangtung Army (Japanese soldiers in Manchuria) alleging that on December 24, a Manchurian detachment was attacked, on the outskirts of Ulan Khuduk, by Mongolian soldiers who invaded the territory of Manchukuo was emphatically refuted by well informed circles in Ulan Bator, as being false from beginning to end and testifying the desire of the Kwangtung Headquarters to deceive public opinion in Japan and the whole world.

No Mongolian troops crossed the Manchukuo frontier on December 24, or any time before that date.

On December 24, only a new attempt took place when a Japanese Manchurian detachment invaded the territory of the Mongolian frontier outpost in the region of Bulundursun.

However, these trucks were forced to return to Manchukuo territory because of the refusal administered by the frontier guards of the Mongolian Peoples Republic.

Union News.

CANTON-SHANGHAI RADIOPHONE

Canton, Jan. 7.

The installation of machines of the Canton station of the Canton-Shanghai wireless telephone line is now nearing completion. According to the authorities of the said line, trial operation will take place in the middle of February and actual service will be started some time in May this year.

It is learned that the provincial authorities are also fast proceeding with their scheme of establishment of wireless telephone lines connecting various counties in the east, northwest, and central districts of this province. The construction of the general station at the White Cloud Hill in Canton and the substations in Kongmoon, Shuiukwan, Swatow, Walchow, Chungshan and Wenfau has been started and actual service will probably begin in August this year when all the stations are completed. After their completion, the next part of the programme, that is, construction of lines in the south and Hainan districts will be carried out.

Central Press.

FLOOD DAMAGE IN DUBLIN

Dublin, Jan. 8.

Considerable damage was caused to housing in this vicinity yesterday, due to the overflowing of the Grand Canal.

The first hint of trouble was received when flood waters suddenly swished into dwellings without warning and furniture and personal effects were soon floating in the streets.

The local authorities had to find accommodation for some fifty families last night, while a large number of others were looked after by relatives and friends in other sections of the city.

The Lord Mayor waded knee-deep through the floods to inspect the damage and make sure that the homeless had adequate accommodation provided.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CITY OF KHARTOUM VICTIMS

Cairo, Jan. 6.

It is now indicated that the wrecked Imperial Airways liner, City of Khartoum, will remain at the bottom of the sea.

Divers have recovered seven bodies, all of whom died instantaneously from fractured skulls.

The divers report that there are no further bodies inside the hull of the plane.

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E/Asia	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 8	Feb. 15
E/Canada	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Mar. 1	Mar. 14
E/Russia	Feb. 26	Feb. 28	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	Mar. 5	Mar. 14	Mar. 24
E/Japan	Mar. 6	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 18	Mar. 24	Apr. 6
E/Asia	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 1	Apr. 13
E/Canada	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 23	May 4
E/Russia	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	May 1	May 13
E/Japan	May 1	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 14	May 19	May 27
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 28	June 1	June 13
E/Canada	May 29	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 12	June 17	June 29
E/Russia	June 13	June 15	June 18	June 20	June 26	July 1	July 13
E/Japan	June 27	June 29	July 1	July 3	July 9	July 14	July 27
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NARUTO MARU ... Tuesday, 14th Jan.
KITANO MARU ... Saturday, 8th Feb.

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NON-MAGNETIC SHIP SOUGHT

Wood and Bronze Research Vessel for Admiralty

The Admiralty will shortly place the contract for the building of a non-magnetic ship. It is to be named the Research, and will be built chiefly of wood.

The wooden frames and planking of the hull will be bolted together with bronze bolts, all rigging will be of hemp; even the anchors will be of bronze. The ship will have Diesel engines especially built so that practically all iron will be eliminated.

The object of building such a ship is to investigate the problems of the variation of the earth's magnetic field. This variation is always changing, and it has a most important effect upon compasses and navigation. In order to make the investigations with the greatest possible accuracy it is essential that observations should be taken from a vessel as far as possible devoid of ferrous metals, which attract the magnetic lines of force and themselves become magnets sufficiently strong to upset delicate instruments.

IRON ELIMINATED

The elimination of iron in the Research will not be confined to the construction of the ship, but will apply also to her equipment.

The last non-magnetic ship was the Carnegie, built by the Carnegie Institute. She belonged to the University of Washington and did much valuable work before an explosion in Apia Harbour in 1929 ended her career.

Her displacement was 570 tons and it is said that less than a ton of iron was used in her construction.

Since then lack of research into the problems of magnetic variation has made navigation more and more a matter of guesswork. Notable among these is the Indian Ocean, about which magnetic data is exceedingly scarce, and where a very variable "secular change" is experienced. In certain places the yearly secular change in the magnetic variation has altered within a few years from 12 minutes per year to 4 minutes per year.

WIRELESS MYSTERY

It is suggested that this abnormal variability of the earth's magnetic field in these regions is connected with the fact that certain areas in the Indian Ocean have proved themselves practically impervious to wireless communication. There is no doubt that this phenomenon will also be investigated by the Research.

Apart from magnetic investigation and the testing out of certain magnetic instruments at sea, the Research will carry out oceanographic surveys generally. For this purpose she is to be fitted with "echo sounding gear."

The data obtained will be available to the whole world in the same way as the ordinary British Admiralty charts.

NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Freight And Asiatic Passengers Returns

(BY LONGSHOREMAN).

During the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, the freight returns, received from the Harbour Office show a fairly high tonnage movement, a large proportion of which being contributed by Japanese ships.

The total tonnage of general cargo carried by vessels to the Colony was 6,814 tons, with British steamers carrying 895 tons.

Through cargo for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 15,487 tons, of which 3,255 tons were carried by British steamers. Asiatic deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were 483, of which 389 were from British steamers.

There were altogether 15 arrivals, of which 6 were of British registry, the remainder being of other nationalities, while of the 14 departures, 6 were British ships, the rest being of other different countries. Particulars as follows:—

Nationality	Ships	Tonnage
British	6	3,950
French	1	355
Dutch	1	5,940
Norwegian	2	1,190
Japanese	4	9,688
Chinese	1	980
Total	15	22,101

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

The P. & O. steamer "Mirzapore" left Mof for this port on the 2nd instant at 3 p.m., and is due here to-day at about 10 a.m.

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu at noon on the 14th January (Tuesday).

CLEARANCES

7TH JANUARY.

Tangshan Maru, for Canton
Kwen Lee, for Pakhoi
Ninghai, for Canton
Tijbadak, for Manila
Sinabang, for Singapore
Hui Heng, for Swatow
Pei Chin, for Canton
Nagisan Maru, for Takao
Fukuen Maru, for Canton
Feng Lee, for Canton
Wing Wah, for K. C. Wan
Chong Lee, for Dairen
Hui Yang, for Swatow
Pronto, for Singapore
Benvenue, for Manila
Barentsz, for Shanghai
President Cleveland, for Manila

SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following list of ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong Radio yesterday:—
Arabia Maru, Ginyo Maru, Chitral, General Pershing, Henry Keswick, President Coolidge, Alice Moller, Bremerhaven, Hozen Maru, Yunnan, Tai Hing, Serookerk and Nagara Maru.

ARRIVALS

7TH JANUARY.

Empress of Asia, British steamer, 8,883 tons, Captain A. V. R. Lovegrove, from Manila; Kowloon Wharf.—C. P. R.
Corona, Norwegian steamer, 1,953 tons, Captain Klette, from Manila; Kowloon Dock.—K. Larsen & Co.

Taiyo Maru, Japanese steamer, 8,223 tons, Captain Y. Tomoka, from Kobe, Takao Dock.—O. S. K.

Chong Lee, Chinese steamer, 1,241 tons, Captain M. Tanida, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—Yee Tai Hong.

Chekiang, British steamer, 1,313 tons, Captain J. R. Nisbet, from Canton, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Fukuen Maru, Japanese steamer, 1,548 tons, Captain Hirose, from Swatow, buoy No. B9.—O. S. K.

Huichow, British steamer, 1,222 tons, Captain J. Turnbull, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Pei Chin, Chinese steamer, 1,002 tons, Captain Vassell, from Lungkow, buoy No. B11.—Yee Tai Hong.

Seistan, British steamer, 1,571 tons, Captain R. C. Creer, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.

Hui Heng, Chinese steamer, 2,085 tons, Captain Henry Soo, from Canton, C. M. S. N. Wharf.—C. M. S. N. & Co.

Norviken, Norwegian steamer, 1,779 tons, Captain T. Kvammen, from Canton, buoy No. B2.—J. M. & Co.

Pres. Cleveland, American steamer, 8,188 tons, Captain J. J. Cadogan, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar Line.

Barentsz, Dutch steamer, 2,977 tons, Captain Noordenbos, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—J. C. J. Line.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR

WHARVES.

Kowloon: Asama Maru, Empress of Asia, and President Cleveland.
Holt's: Serookerk.
Douglas: Laprak: Seistan and Hui Yang.

Salkong: Wing Wah.
Chiu On: Hydrangea.
DOCKS.

Kowloon: Hui Sang, Bremerhaven, Empress of Japan and Tai Ping.

H.M.S. Orpheus, Tai Yuan, Tai Shan, Asama Maru, Hong Hsian, Cingalesse Prince and Chengtu.

BUOYS.

No. A1.—Tijbadak.
No. A2.—Benvenue.
No. A3.—Tai Ping.
No. A4.—Sinabang.
No. A5.—Tijbadak.

No. A12.—Nagisan Maru.
No. A13.—Kwen Lee.
No. B2.—Norviken.
No. B3.—Kalgan.

No. B4.—Apoc.
No. B5.—Haldia.
No. B9.—Fukuen Maru.
No. B10.—Chong Lee.

No. B14.—Chekiang.
No. B15.—Huichow.
No. B16.—Pronto.

No. B18.—Ninghai.
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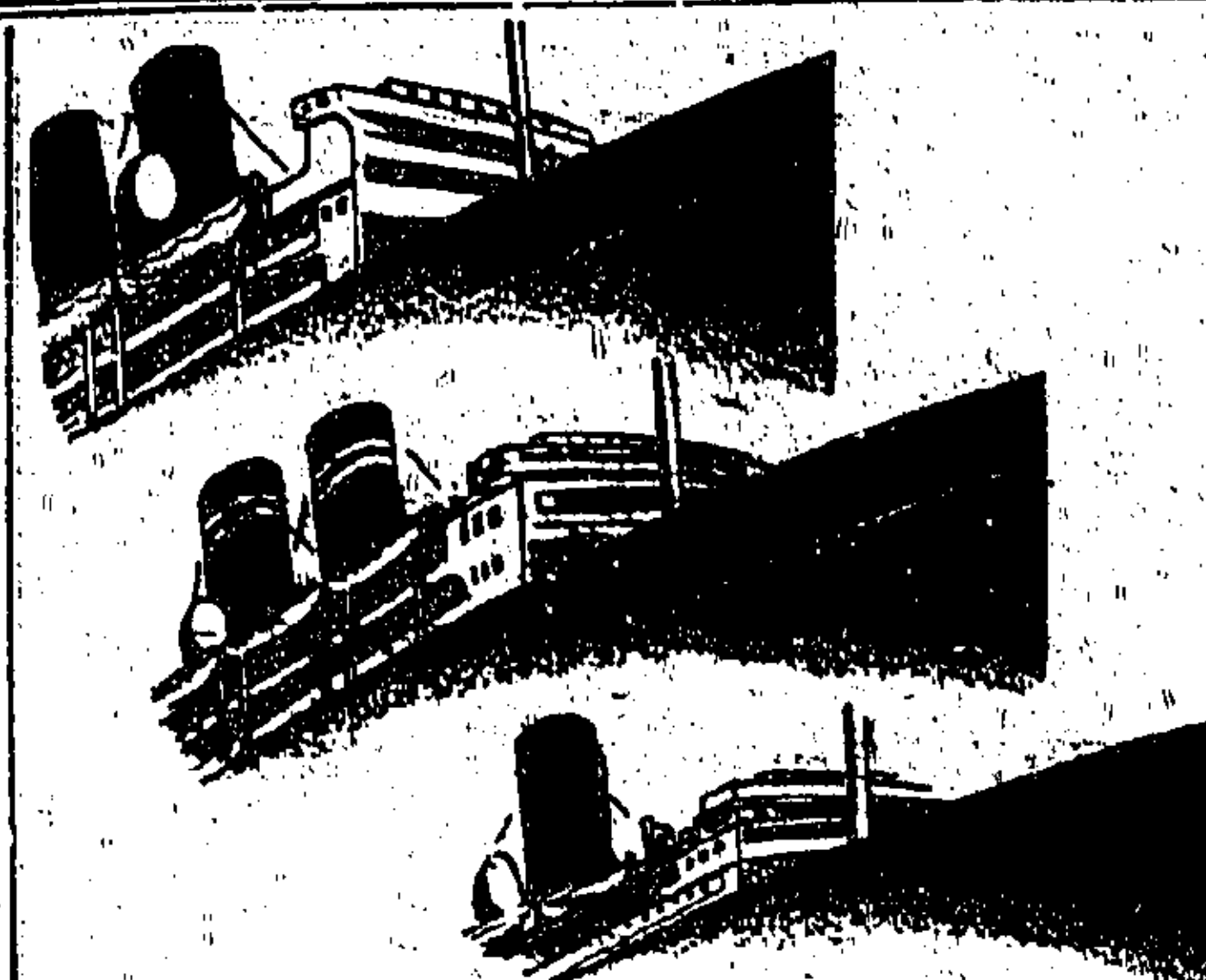
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*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Feb.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
CORFU	14,500	21st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*SOMALI	8,000	28th Mar.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
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NANKIN	7,000	2nd Apr.	

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CATHAY	15,000	24th Jan.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Jan.	Shanghai & Japan
TANDA	7,000	8th Feb.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
TILAWA	10,000	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Feb.	

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